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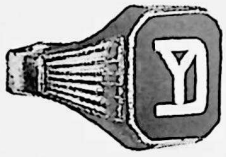

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

This is written from the sidelines, so to speak, and should be signed "Railbird" or "Gallery God" or some such thing. In other words, your erstwhile editor is on the bench — out of the game — for a while, at least.

The crackup happened along the middle of May, and the Doc's prescription is "Rest" — You've got to quit for at least a couple of months — do nothing at all — if you want to get back on your feet. So, this one article is all we have to do with this issue of DOINGS. Willing hands have taken hold and put the rest of it in shape, and we want them to know how much we appreciate it. Except for the one month we were overseas in 1929, this is the first issue in over fifteen years that we haven't personally put to bed, tucked in, and kissed good night.

Have a good time at the Convention. We've got to miss this one — for the first time.

At the Convention you will elect a National Commander, for the coming year. Partisan feeling may run high. The only plea which the YANKEE DOINGS makes is this: DON'T let our splendid organization be shattered and broken by personal preferences or ambitions, by personal sympathies or antagonisms. After the election is over, for God's sake, let it be OVER! And let us, each one of us, go to work in the same feeling of harmony and all pulling together which has always distinguished us.

Let there be no "soreness" or bitterness in defeat; no recriminations in victory; no "state lines"; no "parties". The strength and harmony of the Association is much more than any one man's victory or defeat.

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Perhaps some who read this do not see the picture as clearly as does your writer. The

YDVA is at the crossroads. In nineteen years we have grown from an infant to a successful and lusty organization. We have been all for one and one for all. In that very success, it seems we have planted the seeds of danger. Men *now* desire high office in the organization: largely — to be sure — because they believe they can serve it well; but also, and none can deny it, because they feel they deserve it — "have it coming to them," — and because of the personal honor. This is not unnatural, but — say what you may — it is putting self ahead of the whole.

Both of this year's candidates were known to *desire* the office of National Commander many months ago. And again we say there is nothing especially unnatural or deserving of criticism in that.

But the false accusation that one of them was chosen by a "clique" is a damnable lie!

Now they go to the post. One will win — the other will lose. Let that be the end of it.

If grudges are carried over, if the defeated candidate, whichever he may be, and his supporters, feel personally affronted, and lay plans for future strife; then our organization will go down far faster than it has been built up in nineteen years of hard, hard work ,— in which, without taking an ounce of undue credit — this writer has played no small part.

We ask for no sympathy for ourself. But this is written with difficulty by a right hand partially unmanageable because of nervous exhaustion (so the hospital says). For sixteen years we have gone to sleep with the YD in mind and awakened with it still in our mind. Finally the strain has caught up with us.

A break in the ranks now will be a break in the hearts of those of us whose best years have been given to build a firm foundation. And among such, without boasting or bragging, your writer places himself somewhere in the front ranks — who for sixteen years has given it his all.

We'll be missing you in Hartford, but when the votes are counted, give a thought to these words.

Your New Commander is YOUR New Commander — not a "R. I. man" or a "Mass. man" — but a Y D Man. And may the ugly face of partisanship and ambition for glory never show itself in our ranks again.

— P. N. S.

The writer who first penned the lines that you have not converted a man because you have silenced him deserves a monument. No person can put a padlock on another man's thoughts. Where two or more persons are gathered together there will be a difference of opinion. A free exchange of ideas is the true spirit of democracy. Long before there was a YDVA or a United States there was man and man is a complex creature. Men are born and soon they die but human nature remains the same through the centuries. The happy society is the group that has learned by experience to live together in peace and to respect the thoughts and rights of other men who share a common relationship with one another. American democracy is founded upon the principle of liberty and the spirit of freedom.

We who are privileged to be members of the YD family share a common experience. We have shared joys together; we have suffered pain together; we have seen our comrades die by our side or in our arms. Such experiences are not soon forgotten. We are linked together by a chain that binds the past to the present. Out of a common experience have come our loyalties and our friendships. A true friend may damn us to our face but he defends our name among strangers. It is only human nature for even YD men to disagree on certain issues. We are human and therefore subject to the frailties of human flesh. Man is by nature a pugnacious creature. Man has had to fight to survive the elements and his enemies. The man who cannot respect his own intellect is more to be pitied than condemned. But the man who cannot get the other fellow's point of view is a stupid ass and an egotistical pig. We should not hide our light under a bushel basket and neither should we try to burn up the world with the sawdust between our ears. A man who can laugh and still think seriously is a man who will meet his comrades halfway without losing any self respect. We, who are members of the old YD, pride ourselves on our esprit de corps. The spirit that binds us together and the comradeship that has been ours for over 20 years is more precious than any tangible possession.

We must remember that the YDVA is more important than any person or group of persons. Any person who is motivated by selfish interests is not loyal to his better self or the traditions of the 26th Division. The YDVA should never be used as a springboard for jumping into green pastures for personal gain or benefit. Members should serve the YD rather than the YD serving

its members. The YDVA is not a political club or a business enterprise. It is a social organization with a membership that speaks the same language in the light of a common experience. Rank, social position and background we leave at home when we attend a National Convention. Among YD comrades we can act our natural selves divorced from the inhibitions of a man made society and the conventions of our age. We, who saw men covered with mud and cooties, can never take publicized "big shots" too seriously. We remember the kids of 1917 - 18 who died silencing a machine-gun nest. We recall the chap who shared with us his last cigarette or crust of bread.

The dead cannot smell the flowers on their graves. We should thank God for the men who have kept YDVA alive since we came home from France. It does not require much talent to throw brickbats or a shower of insults at another person. But it takes courage and leadership to keep any organization together in these hectic days when men and nations are losing their balance and appreciation of value and sense of direction. Where are many of the old familiar faces that once brought a smile and a word of greeting to our reunions Where are some of our YD leaders of yesteryear and why are they not sharing our good times today? Would a letter heal an injury real or imagined? Would the spirit of friendship reunite old comrades who have traveled separate paths? A gentleman can always afford to acknowledge that he was wrong. The twisted personality still believes that he is Napoleon. And there is no room in YDVA for dictators or trouble makers. Our mission is to have a good time while we carry on for our gallant dead. There is a time to be serious and a time to be gay.

Assume that we are seated in a large auditorium. The lights are dimmed. Silence prevails. Across the stage slowly march our YD dead. They do not speak. The dead do not vote in our elections. They have no candidate in the field. They have no ax to grind. They are YD men who made the last and final objective. Men who charge an enemy trench do not think in terms of front-page headlines. Our comrades who have died since the war have left the YD in the hands of we the living to carry on. Across the stage four abreast march our YD dead. Men who leave their seats probably prefer not to face their dead comrades. The dead have eyes that burn through to the souls of the living. A man must live with his conscience.

Comrades when you go to Hartford have a good time in ye olde YD manner. Bury all the tomahawks. When in doubt take a dose of good cheer and wear a smile on your face. Thank God for America and YDVA. Go back to your local chapters and practice the jolly tune "Carry On!" on your old piano. You know what I mean soldier.

—Royal K. Hayes.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF Y. D. V. A.

To All Active and Life Members of the YD Veterans Association:

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Association will convene in the Ball Room of the Hotel Bond, Hartford, Conn., on Thursday, June 22, 23, 24 and 25th, 1939; at 1:30 P. M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, to transact any and all business which may properly come before the legislative body of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

Any person eligible to active membership, whose dues for the current year shall have been received prior to the opening of said Convention shall be entitled to one vote on any question to come before the Convention.

Edgar F. Miller,
National Commander

Philip N. Sanborn,
National Secretary

ACTING SECRETARY

At the last National Executive meeting, held in the Hotel Bond, Hartford, Conn., a motion was made to appoint H. Guy Watts as the Acting Secretary up to and including the National Convention in Hartford, due to the illness of the National Secretary who will probably be unable to attend to his duties for some time.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

As YANKEE DOINGS goes to press this month it does so with our efficient editor, PHIL SANBORN, on the sick-list. We hope that Phil's absence will not be for long, and meanwhile we will try to carry on. Fortunately a great deal of the material for this issue had already been prepared, but any editorial discrepancies will, I hope, be overlooked.

I am grateful to LEA REDFIELD and GUY WATTS of the Boston Chapter for stepping into the breach and taking over at National Headquarters with no apparent loss of efficiency; also to PAUL HINES, P. O. PALMSTROM and "Chick" MEADE, Boston; ROYAL HAYES, Lowell; and RAY ROSSEEL, Worcester for their assistance in getting this issue into your hands on schedule and before the Hartford Convention. It is this kind of real co-operation that makes our Y.D. V.A. the fine organization that it is and which, as times goes on, will make for even greater progress within the organization.

To those of you who have no knowledge of the functioning of our National Headquarters, including the National Executive Committee, I can give every assurance that your organization is administered, at least it has been to date, with but one thought, the Welfare of the organization. Every effort has been made to promote harmony and to avoid the dissension and discord that has been so disastrous in many veteran organizations. Our hope for the future depends largely on a continuance of that policy. It has contributed largely to our progress and when it it is carried down through our several State departments and to our local chapters we will have an organization that will appeal to the large majority of Y D veterans, who want to be associated in the one organization that means so much to every one of us and rightly so. We can do so much; we can be of so much value to ourselves, our communities and our comrades; we can carry the banner of Y D down through the years if we maintain that kind of an organization; and I have no doubt that we will.

A year of service as your National Commander has prompted the foregoing message as being by far the most important that I could leave with you, having reached that part of the proceedings we know as "Good of the Y.D.V.A."

May your new National Commander receive the same co-operation that I have received and may he have the same pleasant memories of his visits throughout the Y.D.V.A. that I have.

— ED MILLER.

YD CO-OPERATION

The following is an extract of a letter received from P. N. C. LEN MALONEY, which we think deserves publication.

"In the next issue of DOINGS, will you kindly commend DAVE SWARTZ, of the Detroit Chapter, for splendid manifestation of the YD Spirit. We found it necessary recently to make contact with Dave regarding a YD man who is a patient at the Veteran's Hospital in Detroit. The case was very involved and required considerable research work. Dave not only did this work willingly and promptly, but he made the necessary hook-up with the Veteran's Bureau to bring about proper consideration of the case. I think Dave is due a pat on the back.

Very sincerely yours,

— LEONARD J. MALONEY.

SERVICE STARS

A suggestion from ROYAL K. HAYES, Commander of Lowell Chapter was taken up in regard to Service Stars to be worn on the left sleeve of the YD uniform just above the chevrons. It was decided to go through with the suggestion and have each star represent five years of continuous paid up membership in the YDVA. The stars will be available presently at National Headquarters and prices will be given later.

LETTER FROM JERRY O'LEARY

"I want to thank all of the members of the National Nominating Committee who voted for me at their recent meeting.

"If I am fortunate enough to be elected National Commander of the Y. D. V. A. at the National Convention in Hartford in June, I will do everything I can to carry on the good work that has already been done by the Past National Commanders of the Y. D. V. A."

Yours for the YDVA,

— JERRY O'LEARY.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Members of the YD Veterans Association:

We, the undersigned, being duly appointed by the National Executive Committee to constitute the Nominating Committee, met at National Headquarters on Sunday, April 30, 1939, and selected the following candidates for election to the National offices to be filled by election at the Twentieth Annual Convention, in Hartford, Conn., during the period from June 22 to June 25, 1939, inclusive.

FOR:

NATIONAL COMMANDER
JERRY D. O'LEARY (D Co., 101st Engrs.)
(Providence Chapter)

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN
Rev. WILLARD SMITH (A Co., 104th Inf.)
(Member-at-Large, Dep't. of N. H.)

NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE
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(Boston Chapter)

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(Boston Chapter)

NATIONAL AMERICANISM OFFICER
ELIOT A. CARTER (Hq., 103rd Inf.)
(Nashua Chapter)

NATIONAL HISTORIAN
JOHN J. GOSS (103rd Amb. Co.)
(Hartford Chapter)

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER
FRANK W. COPPINGER (E Co., 101st Engrs.)
(Boston Chapter)

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDERS

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(Farmington Chapter)

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JOSEPH G. ABAIR (F Co., 101st Amm. Tr.)
(Washington County Chapter)

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
AUSTIN F. APPLEBY (I Co., 104th Inf.)
(Boston Chapter)

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND
LAURENCE H. COOK (Hq., 102nd Inf.)
(Providence Chapter)

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
GARDINER H. HALL (101st M. G. Bn.)
(Willimantic Chapter)

DEPARTMENT OF THE U. S.
FRED H. FLAHAVAN (I Co., 104th Inf.)
(Ohio Chapter)

Three Additional Members of the National Executive Committee:

FRANK L. SMITH (F Batt., 101st F.A.)
(Beverly Chapter)
J. FRED SHAW (M.G. Co., 103rd Inf.)
(Lewiston "Androscoggin Valley" Chapter)
EDWARD J. NELSON (Hq. Troop)
(New York Chapter)

The Nominating Committee:

A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE (Mass.) Chm.
J. FRED SHAW (Maine)
GEORGE M. FRENCH (N. H.)
JOHN K. FAIRBANKS (Vt.)
WILLIAM E. PETIT (R. I.)
ALBERT W. HERMAN (Conn.)
BENJAMIN PITMAN (U. S.)

The Department of Massachusetts at its monthly meeting in Haverhill, on May 7, with Commander EDWIN J. NOYES absent from the hall, voted overwhelmingly to submit his name as a candidate for National Commander at the Hartford Convention.

NOTICE

PHIL SANBORN asked me to insert a short note to any Chapter that he visited in the last month. Due to his illness he was unable to write anything (outside of the editorial) and begs to be excused this time but will try and make up for it in the future as soon as he gets back in harness.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF Y. D. V. A.

To All Members of the YD Veterans Association:

In accordance with Article 18 of the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the following proposed Amendments to said Constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association will come before the Twentieth Annual Convention for action.

(See May issue for previous Amendments.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4

Originating in the Lynn Chapter and passed unanimous at the last meeting of the Massachusetts State Department held at Haverhill, Mass., May 5, 1939. At a regular meeting of the National Executive Committee held at least (30) thirty days before the Annual Convention, the Executive Committee shall designate seven members of the Association, one from each of the seven departments, as a Nominating Committee, and their nominations for National Officers and other members of the National Executive Committee shall be published in the issue of *Yankee Doings* preceeding the Annual Convention.

THEREFORE: the Executive Committee appoint these members in good faith to select Officers for your choice for the ensuing year. There is nothing in Sections 1 and 2 of Article XIV of our By-laws which prevents the accepting of more than one name of a candidate for any office.

WHEREAS: we propose the following Amendment to Article XIV, Sections 1 and 2, that the names of any members in good standing submitted to the Nominating Committee, recommended by any Department of the Association, not more than one Candidate for each office to be filled, to be nominated from each Department, shall be allowed to have these names placed on the ballots at the time of election of National Officers.

ALSO: revoke Section 3 of this Article which will be conflicting to Article XIV, Sections 1 and 2.

This Amendment to become effective upon the adjournment of the 20th Annual Convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5

Originating in the National Executive Committee and passed by that body at their meeting in Hartford on May 28th.

THAT a new office be made in the Yankee Division Veterans Association that of National Assistant Secretary. This office to be filled by appointment by the National Executive Committee on recommendation of the National Secretary.

WHEREAS: Section 3, Article II be amended by adding the words "and Assistant Secretary", following "National Secretary", and change the last words of this section to read "and thereafter until their successors are chosen".

Explaining purpose of this amendment.

The work of the Secretary of this organization has grown so fast in the past few years that it is physically impossible for anyone to do the work that has to be done in the office and then travel all over New England nights. The purpose of having an Assistant Secretary is to take that burden off the shoulders of the regular Secretary by representing the National body at Chapter meetings and other affairs. This will allow the Secretary to do his work at Headquarters, which is a full day's job every day in the week.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6

Originated in the State Department of Massachusetts and passed by that body. Subject: National Executive Committee.

THAT: — Article XV, Section 1, be amended by adding the following "all Officers of State Departments." — following the words, each Chartered Chapter of this Association.

PURPOSE: — It is to give the State Departments more chance for representation on the Executive Committee, in case the National Vice Commander is unable to attend.

LAST NEWS ON THE CONVENTION

To be held in Hartford, June 22, 23, 24, 25, 1939

Letters have been sent to every member of the Yankee Division and registrations have been pouring in plenty. Your committee has been working night after night to see that nothing has been left out to make this one swell convention. The Horribles and Parade entries have been very large, and there is plenty of prize money. The program went very good and you will enjoy its contents as a beautiful souvenir. The State and City will come through with their contributions, so their is plenty of money to work with. Get there early as on Thursday it will open with a bang.

THE PROGRAM

Thursday, June 22nd		
10:00 A.M. till midnight		REGISTRATION AT THE HOTEL BOND
	1:30 P.M.	CONVENTION MEETING HOTEL BOND BALLROOM
	4:30 P.M.	SOFT BALL GAME. LOWELL THOMAS' NINE OLD MEN VS. COL. MICHAEL A. CONNOR'S ALL STARS. Including Lowell Thomas, Stoopnagle, Heywood Broun, Gene Tunney, Gene Sarazen and many other nationally known celebrities
	8:00 P.M.	An All Star Show and Entertainment at the Bushnell Hall
Friday, June 23rd		
	10:00 A.M.	Convention Meeting at the Hotel Bond Ballroom
	2:30 P.M.	Dedication of YD Garden and Entertainment at the Veterans Hospital, Newington by the Women's Service League.
	7:30 P.M.	Horribles Parade
	9:00 P.M.	Grand Military Ball at the Foot Guard Armory
Saturday, June 24th		
	10:00 A.M.	Convention Meeting
	2:00 P.M.	The Y. D. V. A. Parade
	6:00 P.M.	Reunions
Sunday, June 25th		
	11:00 A.M.	Memorial Services, Military Mass, Rev. Thomas F. Temple, national chaplain with a choir from St. Thomas' College
	3:00 P.M.	Visit to Rose Garden, Elizabeth Park

There will be a circus every day and evening on the State Armory Grounds.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

The standing on June 1st, by Chapters, was as follows:

DEPT. OF ME.	
Augusta	3
Cumberland Co.	6
Farmington	13
Lewiston	15
Skowhegan	6
At Large	15
TOTAL	58
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	20
Franklin	6
Keene	21
Manchester	65
Nashua	39
Triangle	15
At Large	10
TOTAL	176
DEPT. OF VT.	
Bellows Falls	0
Brattleboro	21
Burlington	0
Montpelier	14
Rutland	11
Springfield	2
At Large	8
TOTAL	56
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Attleboro	0
Beverly	24
Boston	377
Brockton	10
Clinton	0
Danvers	14
Fitchburg	35
Haverhill	33
Holyoke	5
Lowell	50
Lynn	111
Marlborough	1
Milford	9
New Bedford	33
Northampton	3
Salem	33
Springfield	24
Webster-Dudley	8
Worcester	76
At Large	46
TOTAL	892
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Kent County	18
Pawtucket	60
Providence	125
TOTAL	203
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	18
Bristol	92
Hartford	186
Manchester	56
Meriden	27
Middletown	15
New Britain	58
New Haven	73
New London	29
Norwalk	17
Stamford	11
Terryville	0
Torrington	29
Valley	30
Wallingford	21
Waterbury	14
Willimantic	31
Winsted	0
At Large	3
TOTAL	710
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	4
Cleveland	5
Denver	10
Detroit	21
Los Angeles	5
New York	87
St. Louis	6
Washington	20
At Large	86
TOTAL	244
GRAND TOTAL	2339

OUR ADVERTISING

Last month DOINGS published a letter received from ARTHUR FLANDERS, F Co., 104th Infantry, relative to the small amount of advertising done by YD men in this magazine. That this article has started something is shown by the following letter received from GARDNER C. WELD, P. C. New Britain, Conn. Chapter:

"Dear PHIL:

Noticed in YANKEE DOINGS that comrade ARTHUR FLANDERS is looking for a chance to advertise in our good old magazine. For some time have had in mind writing you to ask if you have ever considered pepping up YANKEE DOINGS a bit by securing more advertising. Add a page or two, put in some new features, perhaps a few jokes, call them Yankee Droolings or anything else, put in a contributors page, have a short story or two, and pay for the additional pages by advertising.

For instance, right now I will pledge at least $10.00 from New Britain. There are 18 chapters in Conn. — have a page for them and if each chapter only gets $10.00 worth of ads there is $180.00 for the year that should buy a little bit of printing and paper. (I might have to pay that $10.00 myself, but it's a bet anyway.) Do the same with Mass., R. I., Vt. and N. H. and you will soon be able to pay a dividend.

I realize full well that perhaps YANKEE DOINGS isn't any wonderful national advertising medium, but if Joe Hope sells one car, Bill Smith an ice box, George Greene a suit of clothes to another YD man they have each probably made a new friend and the five dollars was well spent.

If the idea is no good file it in the old W. B. but keep on plugging, for YANKEE DOINGS is one fine little paper anyhow.

Yours in YD,

— GARDNER C. WELD.
P.C. New Britain, Conn. YDVA."

ROYAL K. HAYES, Commander of the Lowell Chapter, was the principal speaker at the Memorial Day exercises held at the Concord (Mass.) Reformatory. Royal spoke at the invitation of the Supt. MICHAEL DEE, former Captain of the 101st M. P. Train, and took as his subject, "Patriotism and Americanism."

A TRIBUTE TO "HIKING HIRAM" BEARSS

The 102nd Infantry's Fighting Marine.

By Paul Hines

Former Platoon Leader and Commander of L Company, 102nd Infantry, and later Adjutant to Colonel Hiram I. Bearss.

To crowd into a few hundred words the life story of such an interesting and picturesque figure as the hard-boiled Colonel Hiram I. (Hiking Hi) Bearss of the U. S. Marine Corps, and commanding officer of the 102nd Infantry during its most trying and successful period in France, is most difficult.

His was such a hectic and adventurous career, not only in France, but in China, Philippines, San Domingo, Nicaragua, Haiti, Mexico, and wherever else the doughty "leathernecks" held forth in the empirialistic days of his time, that it is impossible to do him justice.

Bearss, because of his hot temper, impatience and intolerance of delay, could never be what might be called a popular figure with citizen soldiers, and yet judged by his ability to accomplish results (the only standard by which one is judged in regular army circles in time of war) he must go down in the annals of the Division as one of the bravest and distinguished colonels in the AEF. Indeed if the true story of what was accomplished by the 102nd Infantry under his leadership both at St. Mihiel and at Marchville-Raiville is ever fully understood by the public he will go down in history as one of America's outstanding world war leaders. And this from one who several times felt the lash of his tongue and longed for the day when he could meet him in civil life and tell him where he got off.

But that is now all forgotten and what lingers most were his remarkable achievements at Vigneulle and his daring and brilliant raids along the Worve.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross several times and was thrice decorated by the French. He was also twice awarded the Medal of Honor, once at SanDomingo and once at Vera Cruz, and it was for achievements while the Regiment was under his command, that the colors of the 102nd Infantry were decorated by the French.

A Famous Collegiate Athlete

In appraising the character of Colonel Bearss one should take into consideration that for at least twenty years before the war he was an officer in the Regular U. S. Marines. In other words he was brought up in the pre-war school of professional, hard drinking, hard fighting soldiers. A school that made fighting a business and prided itself on its physical prowess. No time for nice feelings or polite words among those fellows.

Bearss, who was a native of Peru, Indiana, first felt his oats sometime before the Spanish-American War when he came into prominence as one of the country's leading collegiate baseball and football stars. When he graduated from Notre Dame (It had great athletes even before Knute Rockne) he was such a stout hitter and able fielder that he was offered an inducement to join the Chicago Cubs. But somewhere along the line he had made up his mind to get into the Marine Corps and, as exemplified by him in France, whenever he made up his mind to go anywhere, he went. (He once said in France that if he were ordered to take a position he would take it if it cost him his entire command.)

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1899 after the usual preparatory school work and examinations and was assigned to the Marine Barracks at the Boston Navy Yard. According to some of his contemporaries of those days even then he gave promise of being "a two-fisted fighting fool." Instead of court martialing men for being AWOL, etc., he would take them out behind the barracks (if they were really tough) and fight it out man to man.

Chinese Pups Ruin Party

After a year's service at the Navy Yard he was transferred to the Philippines. He had hardly reached Manila when he was on his way to China to help quell the Boxer Rebellion.

The late Colonel Wise, then a lieutenant in the same company, used to tell an interesting yarn about him.

It was the night the International contingent of troops entered Pekin. Bearss and another young officer, after taps had sounded, slipped away from camp on a maurauding expedition. In those days, among conquering troops, to the victor belonged the spoils. And so it was with an easy conscience that the pair of them scaled

the back fence of the deserted palace of the Emperor, unobserved by the Russian troops, guarding the exterior of the building.

Some time later they emerged with their pockets and blouses stuffed with nothing less than the crown jewels — jewels that had adorned the ladies of a long line of Chinese rulers. On the way out they ran across a pair of the Emperor's Pekinese pups. They were the most beautiful dogs in China. Not satisfied with the priceless jewels they seized the pups and took them along as souvenirs.

All went well except for the fact that as they were stealthily gliding by the Russian guards, the dogs, despite efforts to muzzle them, barked and gave them away. They were obliged to surrender the jewels (The Russians feeling that they were responsible for their safety) but allowed them to keep the animals. The dogs later sold in the Philippines for several thousand dollars.

Upon BEARSS's return to the Islands the insurrection was on at full blast and he was soon in the thick of it. According to Colonel Wise, who mentions his exploits frequently in an interesting book "A Marine Tells It To You", BEARSS figured in many adventures, always displaying great initiative, energy and courage. On one occasion, and it was then that he won the soubriquet of "Hiking Hi", he marched his Company, without sleep, for a distance of 50 miles in order to corner a dangerous band of guerillas.

Captures Notorious Rebel Leader

The daring, for which he was conspicuous in France, was best shown when under cover of darkness, together with another young officer, he penetrated unknown territory behind the enemy lines, in quest of a notorious rebel chieftain who was causing the American troops much trouble. They found their game asleep in a hut on the shore of a lake several miles behind the lines and presented him to their commanding officer the following morning for breakfast.

In the uprisings at San Domingo, Haiti, Nicarauga and Vera Cruz he was also in the thick of skirmishes. According to the War department records he conducted himself with such bravery and gallantry at both San Domingo and Vera Cruz that he was awarded the Medal of Honor for each occasion.

When the World War broke out he, now a lieutenant colonel, was assigned to the 9th Infantry, Second Division, and served with such distinction at Belleau Woods that he was cited for bravery and recommended for promotion.

It was he who accepted the challenge of the French High Command, some days after the Battle of Belleau Woods, to get a prisoner. Information was needed and needed badly.

Accompanied by two regular army sergeants who had seen service in the Philippines, he crawled into the enemy lines and jumped a three man machine gun post. In the excitement the two sergeants killed their men, but BEARSS brought his back alive. He was rewarded by the French with a Croix de Guerre and 500 francs and granted five days leave in Paris.

Knew Tricks of the Trade

He joined the 102nd Infantry at the LaFerte area shortly after the Second Battle of the Marne, relieving Major Thompson, who had taken charge after Colonel Horace Hobbs had returned to Divisional headquarters.

He wasn't with the Regiment an hour when those around headquarters knew that here was a real old timer who knew all of the tricks of the trade. It all came about this way.

"Send for the stable sergeant," was his first official order to the acting regimental adjutant, "and tell him to bring me the best *horse* in the corral."

The sergeant presently appeared with what looked like a pretty good animal. BEARSS mounted him and after trotting him around a bit said, "Sergeant that's a good horse, but I tell you what to do, bring me *YOUR* horse."

It wasn't long before BEARSS was working day and night to make his regiment the most efficient outfit in the AEF. In accomplishing this he was a hard task master. He only slept four hours a night himself and was peeved with anybody else around headquarters who slept more.

He would work so hard and become so tired that at times he was nearly impossible to live with. And yet despite his cantankerousness and his tendency to fly off the handle and bawl one out on the slightest provocation, he soon developed a great regard and affection for the regiment and everybody connected with it.

Quick to Recognize Ability

He was exceedingly impulsive and as a result his judgment at times was faulty. However, fortune favors the brave and despite his impetuousness he invariably took his objectives without unnecessary losses.

He was very decided in his likes and dislikes, but was quick to recognize ability. He was particularly fond of a few. Among those for whom he showed great preference were: "MIKE" CONNORS, then C. O. of the Supply Company; Lt. JOHN HUMBERT, liaison officer from the 102nd

Machine Gun Battalion. If he had had his way he would have promoted both of them to the rank of Major and placed them in command of battalions.

He was also extremely fond of Chaplain JAMES P. SHERRY and Sergeant CUMMINGS, his orderly and Dr. CHARLES COMFORT, the Regimental surgeon.

Major HARRY BISSELL and Captain FRED OBERLIN, operations officer, were also among his favorites. He recommended the latter for a distinguished service cross and was keenly disappointed because he did not get it.

He was also a great admirer of General LOGAN, then in command of the 101st Infantry, and Col. ROBERT GOODWIN, C. O. of the 102nd F. A., which outfit, frequently provided artillery support for the 102nd.

He also thought a great deal of JOHN MURPHY, the C. O. of the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion.

With all his hard-boiled exterior he had a deep religious strain and although he seldom went to church himself he was always interested in seeing his officers and men attend. Perhaps it was his early training at Notre Dame or maybe the influence of Father SHERRY.

"Two days before the Regiment went into the attack at St. Mihiel he ordered all of the chaplains to hold church services the following morning. They did and practically every officer and man in the Regiment, including himself, attended. It may have been only a co-incidence, but, while a few were wounded, not an officer or a man was killed during the attack. And this at a time when one machine gun placed on the road in front of the troops advancing along the narrow Grand Tranche Cologne, behind the enemy lines, might have annihilated the Regiment.

Before entering a battle, BEARSS was as nervous as an old witch. He was like an over trained pugilist waiting to clash with his opponent. Nothing pleased him. He was crotchety, irritable and abusive. And yet when action once started he was a boy on a frolic and as bold and as daring as a lion.

Going down the Grand Tranche Cologne between his cursing because the Regiment was not moving fast enough to suit him, and a French liaison officer swearing because the American's were taking the position so rapidly, those riding near them listened to the most eloquent medley of language never reduced to print.

When the regiment reached Vigneulle after marching nine kilometers through the darkness he was as mad as a hatter because his orders did not permit him to follow the retreating troops right across the plains of the Worve into Germany. He himself was the first man to enter the village and entered it on the run. The advance guard will remember that it was he who yelled "hands up" to the whole company of Germans who were lined up in the middle of the Street ready to retreat.

Five Raids in Four Nights

While the Regiment was entrenched along the Worve his impatience knew no bounds. "Why don't they let us attack?" Why don't they let us do this? Why don't they let us do that?" were his constant complaints. "We can't win wars standing here."

Finally he became so exasperated because of idleness that he went to brigade and later to divisional headquarters to ask permission to "pull some raids". Five raids in four nights, every one of them a marked success, was his batting average during that period.

His qualities of leadership were never better displayed than at the Battle of Marchville and Raiville. In keeping with instructions of the high command he might have established his headquarters well behind the firing line. But not BEARSS. He wasn't ordering men to go any place he wouldn't go himself. He was among the first to enter Marcheville and all day long stayed with the front line troops. One minute he would be firing a rifle at a German, the next he would be shouting instructions to everybody in sight. All day long he was an inspiration to all.

BEARSS is gone now. He was killed in an automobile accident while visiting his native State of Indiana a few months ago. At the present time he is probably at Valhalla where they say all good soldiers go. If he is, dollars to doughnuts, together with a flock of doughboys, he is fighting the war all over again stoutly maintaining that the war was won by the 102nd Infantry with the aid of the United States Marines.

BILL LORING of Wallingford, Conn. has sent in a clipping of the appointment of Dr. ROGER B. FRIEND of New Haven, Conn. (formerly of C Bty., 101st F. A.) as State Entomologist for the State of Connecticut. Roger is the second man to ever receive this appointment, succeeding the late Dr. W. E. Britton, who held the position from 1901 until his death in February of this year.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Edgar F. Miller, 44 Beverly Rd., W. Hartford, Conn.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Raymond O. Torrey, 104 Royal Rd., Bangor, Me.

FARMINGTON

"Franklin County Chapter"
Commander: Gilbert Miller
16 Pleasant St., Farmington, Me.
Secretary: Rex W. Parsons
Box 684, Farmington, Me.

Here is a report of the annual meeting of Franklin County Chapter, YDVA, held at Parker Springs Camp on the Wilton Road on the evening of Friday, April 28th. Starting off with a feed of fried clams or chicken pie (or both) (ask Bill Lane and others) at which 14 members and one visitor were present. The visitor was Tommy Lake of Wilton, a former K Co., 103rd Infantry man and he is going to join the chapter.

The meeting was called by Commander Gil Miller. About all there was for old and unfinished business was regarding the Beano Party. Commander Miller reported that owing to the large number of Beanos planned by the American Legion it would be best to call it off.

Under new business came election of officers and the following slate was nominated and elected.

Commander, B. Carroll Rounds; 1st Vice Commander, Herbert H. Foster; 2nd Vice Commander, Herbert H. Frary; Secretary, Rex W. Parsons; Treasurer, Dan T. Adams; Chaplain, Charles L. Walker; Trustees, Dr. Walter M. Pierce and Henry B. Jennings; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ellsworth Barry.

Ex-Commander Miller then turned the chair over to Commander Rounds and retired to the ranks, where he was given a rising vote of thanks for his services during the past year.

Place and date of the next meeting was discussed and it was decided to hold it on Sunday following Friday nearest the new moon in May at the camp grounds on Masher Hill if weather permitted and if not, Bill Lane offered the use of his house for the meeting. Ladies and children invited.

Our spring has been so backward that I don't know whether we will be able to hold this meeting out of doors or not but we hope we can as the outdoor meeting worked so well the first year that we want to continue it. Last year we had bad luck with our outdoor meetings but hope for better luck this year. Will advise you later what success we had.

— Rex W. Parsons, Secretary.

P.S. Later report states it was held outside with six members, six ladies and six children present.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Walter J. Boardman, 29 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

The monthly State Department meeting was held at Lebanon, N. H. on Sunday, May 14th, Commander Dugas presiding.

The most important business before the meeting was the nomination of officers for the coming year. The following were nominated and elected and will be installed at the Department meeting in Concord, N. H., the second Sunday in August:

Dept. Secretary, Leon Magee; Dept. Treasurer, Stillman Graves; Dept. Chaplain, Fred Thrasher; Sgt.-at-Arms, John Ketchum.

Inasmuch as your writer had already started a History Book for the Department this office was left open for the coming year.

— Eugene Dugas.

KEENE

Commander: Michael Zaluki
8 Roosevelt St., Keene, N. H.
Secretary: Leroy E. Codding
47 Russell St., Keene, N. H.

Installation of officers was held on Sunday, May 28th, 1939, with Department Commander Eugene Dugas of Manchester, N. H. installing. Besides the above officers installed were:

1st Vice Commander, LEO VIGUE; HARRY WORCESTER, 2nd Vice Commander; JOHN L. SAUNDERS, Treasurer; FRANKLYN ABBOTT, Sgt.-at-Arms; CLESSON BLAISDELL, Chaplain.

An unusual sidelight of human interest came to light at the installation. The newly installed commander, MICHAEL D. ZALUKI, was wounded May 12th, 1918 and was carried off the field by the comrade who was installed today as Senior Vice Commander, namely, LEO VIGUE, who promised to carry (Mike) over as commander this year. LEO VIGUE only lately came to Keene and previous to his arrival here thought Mike had "Gone West." They have had a delightful reunion and their fellowship augurs well for Keene Chapter's progress.

The military action above alluded to was at "The Old Ladies' Home," (Toul Sector).

— LEROY E. CODDING, Sect.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Arthur W. Smith, 34 No. Main St., Springfield, Vt.

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: William Cudworth
R.F.D., No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Lyman Barrett
Box 143, Hinsdale, N. H.

The YD had a special meeting to install officers. ED MILLER, PHIL SANBORN and REDFIELD were present to do the honors. They did a fine job and gave a few good talks. After which we had a nice luncheon prepared by the wives of the YD members. We have 21 paid members to date.

— L. F. BARRETT, Sec.

MONTPELIER-BARRE

"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: Abiel M. Smith
30 Bailey Ave., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

A. M. SMITH of Montpelier, Vt. was installed as Commander of the Washington County Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. at installation ceremonies held in Community Hall on May 6th, 1939.

Other officers installed were JOHN MCDONALD, Barre, Vt., 1st Vice Commander; ALBERT PRICHETTE, 2nd Vice Commander, RALPH LAWLISS of Barre, Secretary; JOSEPH G. ABAIR, Treasurer; R. W. JEROME, Chaplain; FRANK PAUL of Barre, Historian; ERNEST LAFAYETTE of Barre, Sgt.-at-Arms; and KENNETH MACINTOSH, AMBROSE MACMANIS of Moretown, F. B. SHEPARD, EDWARD MEE and LOUIS J. COOK of Barre, Trustees.

Mr. ABAIR acted as installing officer to represent the National Commander, assisted by JOSEPH MEE as Sgt.-at-Arms.

It was voted to hold another YD Uncle Ezra Party in Community Hall on May 17th. A special prize of $5.00 will be given for the best dressed couple in overalls and house dress. Two free trips to the World's Fair will be awarded. There will also be other specialty entertainment.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edwin J. Noyes 2 Walnut St., Worcester, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

BEVERLY

Commander: Joseph H. Metcalfe
66a Bridge St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.

On May 11th our first meeting with our new set of officers went off with a bang. The first official act of our new Commander was to have our Past Commander, FRANK SMITH, escorted to the rostrum and given a seat to the left of the Commander. This seat is to be his official station for the coming year.

Our re-ups are coming in very good and we expect to have them all in by Convention time. Expect to have a very good showing at the convention so that we can show "TED" that we are behind him 100%. We are going to show our Street Banner for the first time at the Convention. The material for the banner was donated by the Lynn (Mass.) Chapter of the YDVA and the lettering was done by DOUG BAKER of our own chapter, with the labor being taken care of by Past Commander FRANK SMITH.

Another "First Time" for us will be the ap-

pearance of our YD Flag on Memorial Day. We are to march in a body as guests of the Earl T. Wardell Post, American Legion. Your reporter has been ordered to carry the flag, and feels highly honored to have this privilege. We hope to have a new National Flag in the near future.

P. C. Frank Smith and Sec. G. A. Bright have been appointed to "Ted" Noyes Campaign Committee.

Your reporter will attend the Hartford Convention as a delegate from the Beverly Chapter.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly smoker was held on Thursday, May 18th. The speaker was Mr. Arthur N. Leman, associate editor of the Boston *Sunday Post* who gave a most interesting talk on conditions in Europe at the present time. Attendance was about 250. Membership prize was drawn but the lucky recipient was not present. $30.00 for the June Smoker.

The Annual Memorial Service was held on Friday night, May 26th, with the hall filled to capacity. President Benjamin James opened the ceremonies and introduced the Rev. M. W. Stack pole, war-time chaplain of the 102nd Field Artillery, who gave the opening benediction. A recitation "Flanders Field," was given by Master John E. Whalen. Next came the reading of the list of the YD dead for the past year by Past President Joseph J. Galligan. List consisted of 118 names of members. After each name was called a poppy was placed in the wreath by Mrs. John A. Lacasse, President of the YD Club Auxiliar yand Mrs. Allen T. Smith, President of the YD Post, A. L. Auxiliary. This wreath was then forwarded to the Washington Chapter, YDVA, to be placed on the grave of General Clarence R. Edwards in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Albert M. Pacifici, Treasurer of the YD Club of Boston, rendered a vocal selection "The Lord's Prayer". An address by Past President Harold J. Smith on the "Significance of our YD Memorial Club". Fr. Daniel J. Lynch, Chaplain of the 26th Division, National Guard, gave an address "A Message from the Present Yankee Division". Fred L. Jackson, Commander of YD Post, No. 290, American Legion gave the greetings of his organization. Miss Claire Devlin, a daughter of a YD member, gave the greetings from the children of the YD.

Royal K. Hayes, Commander of the Lowell Chapter, YDVA, gave a stirring address on General Clarence R. Edwards, "Our Daddy".

Closing prayer was offered by Fr. J. J. Carty, Chaplain of the 101st Infantry, Mass. N. G., followed by "Taps" blown by members of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 290.

At the close of the memorial services President James called for a minute of silent prayer for the men of the sunken submarine "Squalus" and this was followed by the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the orchestra.

Ray Queenin writes:

Washington, D. C., May 28th.

The YD Wreath arrived this afternoon and is in my basement where it is reasonably cool. It will be placed on the General's grave at 11.00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The YD has reserved 10.30 A.M. for placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Regards to all,

Ray Queenin.

Inside Dope

Guy Watts — "Daddy, tell me a war story."
Goldie — "Bring up the reserves."
Ted Wilson — "I play ball with the referee."
Frank Spooner — "I'll have coca-cola, I'm taking the cure."
Jim Hawkins — "Get on Short-Cake."
John Regan — "Have you see a green car."
Nappie — "What you mean, Jimmie's sinus."

BROCKTON

Commander: A. Leroy Latham
33 Madison Street, Brockton, Mass.
Secretary: Henry W. Eldridge
162 Winter Street, Montello, Mass.

We have received a report on the get-together of the Brockton Chapter held on April 28th, notice of which — very brief — was in last month's DOINGS.

This get together was in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the discharge of the old 26th Division at Camp Devens.

Motion Pictures of the old YD in action were shown and it was certainly good to have a look at the old gang in action after twenty years.

After the pictures a lunch was served with other refreshments and a good time enjoyed by all. It was originally intended to have a parade, but after twenty years the "dogs" are not so good and the idea was cancelled.

Committee in charge consisted of Roy Latham, Henry Beadreau and Henry Porrazo.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Thomas Courcelle
32 Clifton St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Jeremiah J. Sullivan
Fire Dep't. Hq., Fitchburg, Mass.

Our new officers were installed on Thursday, May 11th, by State Commander NOYES, with Past State Commander ELLIOTT acting as Sgt.-at-Arms.

The V. F. W. Auxiliary of Fitchburg is going to present the chapter with a new flag which will be shown on the street for the first time on Memorial Day.

Fitchburg Chapter went on record as endorsing Department Commander NOYES for National Commander at the coming convention.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Harry P. Pluff
14 Maple St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Elmer C. Eaton
Box 93, Ward Hill, Mass.

Haverhill Chapter acted as Host to the State Department for the regular monthly meeting on Sunday, May 7th. The Auxiliary co-operated with the Chapter in entertaining the wives of the out of town members and also served a delightful lunch.

The Chapter has recently purchased 100 new folding chairs for the quarters and the Auxiliary has donated a new coffee percolator and urn.

Chapter and Auxiliary attended the Memorial Services in the First Baptist Church in a body, with the other military organizations of the city.

"Bill" MCCORMIC, our Treasurer, is always available to grab the membership dues, so get busy you "has beens" and send in your $3.00 for dues.

LOWELL

Commander: Royal K. Hayes
75 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.

Lowell Chapter held its regular meeting Monday evening, May 22nd in Room 510, Chalifoux Bldg. We had a little better than the average turn out due to the presence of the National Commander ED MILLER. He gave us a very nice talk on ways and means of increasing membership in our Chapter. He also enlarged on the plans for the annual convention in Hartford. We feel that Commander MILLER's visit to our Chapter will help us to increase our membership a great deal.

Previous to the meeting about fifteen men enjoyed the Commander's company at a "Dutch Treat Supper," held in Page's Restaurant. DORAN LYONS entertained the National Commander and our own Commander ROYAL K. HAYES at his house before the supper and the only kick that I heard was that they did not have time to stay at DORAN's home longer. Those who have been entertained at DORAN's home in time past will know how they felt no doubt.

Our Chapter is planning to have a "YD Frolic and Turkey Dinner" on the evening of June 12th at the Dracut Inn. The setting is in one of Lowell's well known night spots and with the floor show that they have promised us we feel that it will be well worth the price asked of $1.25 per person.

Commander HAYES was the main speaker at the Memorial exercises at the Concord Reformatory, Sunday, May 26th. Several members of Lowell chapter accompanied him.

I am enclosing a clipping from the front page of our leading evening paper. The publicity is good and that it comes from an editor who has no special axe to grind it seems all the better. We quote the editor:

"Within a few days, the Bystander is told, the trustees of the Memorial Auditorium will be asked by the local Yankee division veterans for the privilege of using the quarters soon to be vacated by the G. A. R. veterans. Undoubtedly, other organizations will seek the quarters, but we believe serious consideration should be given to the YD, New England's own combat outfit, which saw plenty of real action overseas. Its local members deserve a permanent meeting place."

We have often wished that we might secure permanent quarters but have not been very successful in doing so. We have had these rooms in mind but could do nothing until the G. A. R. decided to give them up. There are several organizations which would like these quarters also so we are going to the meeting of the trustees in a body Thursday evening and try to persuade that body that we are the right outfit to have the rooms for our home. I will hold this letter up until after the meeting.

The meeting with the Auditorium trustees was held last night and there were nearly twenty different organizations represented, and all had reasons why they thought they should have the two rooms available. The trustees heard all the stories and announced that they would meet one representative of each organization at a later date at which time some plan would be

formulated so that everyone might get an opportunity to hold meetings in the building. We feel that we have the inside track and that we will have the rooms for our own use at least two nights a month.

You might be interested to know that ten of the Chapter's good workers met at my house and that we had individual cards made out with the names of former Chapter members who have been lax in paying their dues in the last two or three years. These names were divided up among those present with the idea that they be called on and asked to pay their dues. If they did not pay up at this time we would at least know their attitude for future reference. I hope that we will be able to gather in at least fifty of the one hundred names given out.

— QUINCY B. PARK.

LYNN

Commander: Michael Garofano
26 Waterhill St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

Membership Drive is on with a bang. Jr. Vice Commander PERLEY KNIGHT is in charge and will appoint teams to make a personal contact with every YD man in the district. It's 300 or bust. We have over 100 members at present.

Lynn Chapter voted 100% support to TED NOYES for National Commander.

Lynn Chapter donated $10.00 to Salvation Army Fund — $50.00 to Mayor's Shoe and Stocking Fund, $5.00 to Press Fund, and kept eight men, all members, steadily employed six nights a week in our very successful Beano. We have over $1000.00 in the bank, our own quarters, and all outstanding bills paid.

Through the efforts of the Lynn YD Club an Allied Veterans Council has been formed and is going smoothly. Eight organizations participate in this Council.

On May 19th we held a joint party with the auxiliary at the YD Quarters and a swell time was had by all. Over 150 attended. Committee of Club consisted of ROBERT NEWMAN, PETER PERRAULT, and CHARLES SCANLON. Mary Newman, Margaret Scanlon, Peggy Connelly and Margaret Stanchfield acted for the Auxiliary.

On May 23rd we held our Monthly Smoker and WILLIAM "Bill" CLAPP, a member, put on "Jungle Life" movies and they were the best ever. LEON VARNUM headed this Committee, assisted by RONALD LAPHAM, EARL TRECARTIN, CLAUDE HOAG, JOSEPH SULLIVAN and WALTER SMITH. Over 100 members were present and 10 new members were initiated by P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE.

Commander GARAFANO appointed Memorial Day Committee with P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE, HAROLD GUPPY and CLAUDE HOAG in charge. We will parade Sunday, May 28th, at Naval Services to Waterfront and take part in services at Buchanan Bridge, May 30th at 10.30 A.M. and the big parade at 1.30 P. M. WILLIS HARVEY and RAY DOUCETTE, YD men, are on the Chief Marshall's Staff and S.V.C. WALTER SMITH is Marshal of the 4th Division.

Auxiliary will present the club with a set of dishes and silverware to serve 100 and presentation will take place after the big parade.

On May 27th the Chapter will tender a testimonial dinner to Postmaster THOMAS WILKINSON at the Hotel Edison at 6.30 P. M. in appreciation of what a YD man has done for YD men.

Lynn men confined to hospital at Chelsea Soldiers' Home are FRANCIS G. GUINDON, HARRISON MORTON and HERBERT COULMAN. Drop them a line.

About 100 men and women from Lynn will be at Hartford.

We are so busy — have so many activities it would fill DOINGS, so its cheerio — until Hartford.

— "MUSSOLINI."

SALEM

Commander: Thomas J. Bannon
12 May St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcom St., Salem, Mass.

Meetings held every Friday evening, except May 5, as that was called off to allow a Company Banquet of the 104th Inf. to be held in our quarters, we hope that Company found our Quarters suitable for their Party, we were glad to co-operate.

May 12 — Your reporter, Chaplain, P. C., Publicity, Spare-Tire, etc., was drafted to conduct the meeting, as Comm. BANNON was not feeling so good that evening, the usual 24 or so in attendance, the motions numerous, debates plenty, points of order enough, casualties none. Bank night loser, BILL TERRIO, A.W.O.L. Fourth round an no takers.

May 19 — 22 present, members to decorate graves Sunday, May 21, also voted to take part in all Memorial Day exercises. Recess called to listen to a proposition from a certain gent, result would have increased our coffer by about 200 bucks, it listened good to your reporter, but not so good to the majority, and into the waste

basket it went. New member voted in, JOHN BURBINE, D. Bat., 101st F.A. (was member before). Bank night loser, ALLEN FELLOW, not present; we will strike a winner yet.

May 26 — 25 present, your reporter missed his first meeting in five years, some record. A committee headed by Treasurer THIBODEAU was appointed to take care of refreshments on Memorial Day for members and Auxiliary. Also our genial Mayor Edward Coffey allowed us $25 for Memorial Day observance, he is a pretty good scout this guy Eddie Coffey. The local Chapter expects to make quite a showing in the Parade with about 15 members in uniform, and of course our Ladies' Auxiliary with their snappy outfit will add what is needed to make a colorful showing.

Bank night loser, LOUIS BEAULIEU, not in attendance, whoever wins this pot will have enough Jack to pay all expenses to the Convention. Funny, with about 50% of the membership in attendance at the meetings, we have gone six meetings without a winner.

Well, the 104th Inf. Convention is over and a swell job was done by the Committee. The parade drew one of the biggest crowds ever to witness a parade in Salem, and it certainly was worth looking at. And the Show — Wow — One guy from Haverhill almost pulled your reporter's ears off, when a certain party on the stage lost her umbrella. When I got home my ears were still red, and the better half said to me, "That must have been some show or is it a sun burn that you got?" and imagine me only a poor innocent by-stander in the audience with only pure and virtuous ideas in mind. Well, anyway it was some Parade, some Show, some Convention. Come back again to Salem sometime 104th Inf. only next time I'll wear ear muffs at the show in case this guy sits beside me.

Your news hound paid a visit to our Quarters Monday afternoon seeking news and a little diversion at penny ante and lo and behold, there was Comm. "Youse Guys" BANNON sweeping the floor and polishing the furniture. He was asked if he was seeking the job of the keeper of spitoons and cuspidors. "No," said Tom, "I just want to show Youse Guys that I am the perfect house maid, even if I don't wear pettycoats." It's O. K. with us Tom, only watch out you don't get "House-maid" knees.

— E. J. THIBAULT.

YD Auxiliary — Salem

On Monday evening, June 5, the Salem YD Auxiliary members will attend their Third Anniversary Supper at the Hoffbrau in Boston, about 30 members will attend and transportation will be by bus.

The Blanket Club consisting of 186 members will be completed in June.

The Salem YD Auxiliary are making plans to attend the National Convention in Hartford, and are hoping to have a large delegation in line in the Parade.

— M. Louise Thibault, President.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Thomas A. Dee
59 Maynard St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Regular meetings for June will be held on Friday, June 2nd at the Hotel Charles — On Friday, June 16, Pre-Convention Party at the Hotel Charles — Everyone Welcome. Monday, June 19th, at the G.A.R. Hall.

We held our two regular meetings in May and had a fairly good attendance. Our first meeting was held at the G.A.R. Hall on Monday, May 1st, at which time we were hosts to the 104th Infantry Veterans Ass'n. Very little business came up and we adjourned early to enjoy moving pictures of the American Legion Convention at Los Angeles and the Flood and Hurricane damage in this area. After the entertainment a buffet lunch was served.

Second monthly meeting was held Friday, May 19th, at the Hotel Charles. The Chapter voted to endorse the candidacy of EDWIN J. NOYES for National Commander, and also voted to make a contribution to the "Noyes for Commander Campaign Fund."

One of our members, EDGAR A. STROMWELL, has just been appointed custodian of the Municipal Group in Springfield. This group includes the Auditorium and also the City Hall. Ed has been assistant custodian for some time and certainly deserves the promotion.

The chapter turned out as usual on Memorial Day. The committee, headed by DENNIS J. BRUNTON, certainly did a bang-up job in making the arrangements. The grave of every YD man buried in Springfield and vicinity was visited and decorated with an appropriate marker, wreath and flag.

The chapter will hold a Pre-Convention Party at the Hotel Charles, Friday evening, June 16th at 8.00 P. M. Comrade COONS is chairman of the committee and promises a good time for all. Every YD man in Springfield is invited to attend with their wives, sweethearts and friends.

A mystery basket, containing fifty dollars worth of choice wines and liquors will be given away at this party. The proceeds of the party will be used to pay the expenses of taking our Drum Corps with us to the Convention at Hartford.

Springfield is planning to make a big showing at the Hartford Convention and needs a good paid-up membership in order to do so. If any of you comrades can spare three bucks why not come down to the next meeting and slip it to the Treasurer.

Let's go for a bigger and better Chapter here in Springfield. Why not support the officers you elected by attending meetings and serving on committees.

— R. F. P.

WORCESTER
Commander: Harry Block
16 No. Woodford St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Joseph F. Tivnan
66 Warner Ave., Worcester, Mass.

Worcester did itself proud Memorial Day in the various activities including attendance by delegations to the functions of the many other local military organizations, and especially by an unusually large turn-out in the Memorial Day Parade.

In this Parade Worcester Chapter was headed by the new Junior YD Drum and Bugle Corps which was sponsored, trained and equipped by the YD Parents' Association. The Corps is made up of sons and daughters of members of the Worcester Chapter and this was their first public appearance. They were well received along the line, looked fine, their playing was excellent and their cadence just right.

Also heading the column was a new set of beautiful silk colors, the purchase of which by Worcester Chapter was made possible by individual donations from the members, together with the proceeds from the Bridge Party recently held for that purpose. So much for Memorial Day.

To the rolling beat of drums, a vigil light upon the altar was lighted as the names of each departed member was read at the annual memorial high mass of the Emmet Guards Veterans' Association in St. John's Church yesterday. The roll call was by George E. Scales, vice-president of Co. G, 101st Infantry Veterans' Association.

An impressive commemoration to the Association's deceased members, more than three hundred veterans, including military and city officials three Gold Star Mothers and Emmet Auxiliary members attended the mass. A breakfast followed at the Elks Club.

Rev. Osias Boucher, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Fall River, and wartime chaplain of the 2nd Battalion, 101st Infantry, was celebrant. Rev. John J. Scanlon and Rev. Edward V. Reilly, curates at St. John's, were deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. The sermon was delivered by Rev. David C. Sullivan, supervisor of chaplains in CCC camps of the First Army Corps Area. Father Sullivan is the son of the late Peter F. Sullivan, former mayor of Worcester.

A parade from the Armory to the church preceded the mass. Co. B, 181st Infantry, active company of the Emmet Guards, commanded by Capt. William J. Courtney, was guard of honor. William H. Leahey, president of Co. G. 101st Infantry, Emmet Guards, was chief parade marshal. George A. Glynn of Co. B, 181st Infantry, was co-marshal. Music was played by the Post 5 Auxiliary drum corps.

Following mass the veterans paraded to the Elks' Club.

Brig. Gen. William I. Rose, past commander of the executive committee of the 51st Brigade of Boston, was toastmaster at the breakfast.

Now for the Convention — Worcester Chapter is concentrating all its efforts in making possible the success of NOYES FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER CAMPAIGN. Two live wires — Mike Early and Jack Brosnihan of Worcester Chapter were appointed to cooperate with Past National Commander A. Raymond Doucette who is chairman of this Campaign.

Worcester is behind this Campaign 100% and we expect to make lots of "NOISE FOR NOYES".

TED NOYES is entitled to win and to all fair-minded YD men who think likewise, we say "Let's Go!"

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Time has swiftly flown by and before another month passes I shall have completed two very full years as Dept. Commander of R. I. YDVA. For the most part they have been exceedingly happy ones and the associations and friendships I have made during that time I shall always remember. I retire from office with the sincere knowledge that I have done my best, and no one

can say I haven't, and I will carry on as a buck private in the rear ranks again. I only hope that those who succeed me in the years to come will do equally as well.

During my terms of office I have been fortunate in being responsible for the organization of two chapters in Rhode Island. I know both of them will reflect credit upon the association.

Unfortunately my health, which has been seriously impaired during the past winter, has kept me from doing a number of things that I wanted to do. I shall pass them on to my successor.

To all those who have worked with me during the two years I have been Dept. Commander of R. I. I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation.

It is with sincere regret that the Department of Rhode Island has learned of the serious illness of National Secretary, PHILIP N. SANBORN. We hope that it won't be long before he is back with us again. The Officers and members of Providence Chapter, Apremont Chapter and Kent County Chapter, join with me in wishing PHIL a speedy recovery to good health. Keep your chin up PHIL, Old boy.

— HOWARD W. HUNT,
Dept. Commander

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Edwin M. Mara
460 Eaton St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Seicheprey Day Celebration

Providence Chapter, YDVA, in conjunction with YD Post No. 272, VFW; YD Post No. 26, Amer. Legion and other YD units held their annual Seicheprey Day celebration on April 19, 1939 at the Minerva Cafe, Eddy St., in downtown Providence. Open house was held from 5.00 to 7.00 P.M. at the Benefit St. Arsenal, where the throng gathered to hash over old times and relive stirring incidents. Memorial Services were held at 7.00 P.M. at the World War Memorial in Post Office Square. The 103rd Field Artillery Band furnished the music for the parade and the services. Chaplain JOSEPH LAFFEY conducted the service.

After the service the fellows went directly to the Minerva Cafe where a splendid Turkey dinner was waiting. There was plenty of food for all. More than 200 turned out. Snappy floor show was the hit of the night. Door prizes were won by about 15 of the boys.

Annual Smoker

Providence Chapter, YDVA, held its annual smoker on Friday evening, May 12, 1939 at the Elks Auditorium on Washington St., Providence. More than 400 attended. Comrade PHIL MCKIERNAN and his hard working committee deserve a great deal of credit for engineering such a swell time. Those who did not attend missed one fine evening's entertainment. From early in the evening until well into the early morning hours, YD men, friends of the YD, and others enjoyed a real professional vaudeville show of ten or more acts; five bouts of boxing put on by the C. Y. O. youngsters, and an unrehearsed scrap that proved as exciting as any of the others. Wheels of chance were very well patronized and the bar was just jammed constantly. Especial mention and credit must be extended to the members of the hospitality committee of the Elks who pitched in and did a marvelous job with the eats.

The usual proceedure of holding the meeting before the entertainment was reversed for this evening (May 17th) in order that the committee selected to put on the show could carry out their part of the program. From 6.30 to 7.45 P.M., a spaghetti and meat ball supper was served with all the fixings, to all comers. What a supper it was too, and from the Oh's and Ah's heard about the hall, every one enjoyed the meal to the fullest extent. The committee, under the chairmanship of MIKE CRESCENZO deserve a great deal of credit for undertaking such a task and doing it so well. After the inner man had been completely satisfied, the gathering moved on to the auditorium for an illustrated lecture by Mr. Albert DePippo, Counselor Guidance Dept., S. W. Brigham, Jr., High School. His subject was "A Roman Walk." The steriopticon slides shown were of Rome, Naples, and ancient Pompeii. Mr. DePippo has traveled around Italy on several occasions and has gathered some valuable and priceless pictures, as evidenced by his slides. To say that Mr. DePippo was well versed in the very early history of Rome would be putting it mildly. He is ultra well versed. Dates, mileages, heights and names flowed from his lips like so much water. His lecture was exceedingly educational, interesting and highly enlightening.

The annual election of Officers of Providence Chapter followed with the following results:

Commander, HENRY W. MCCARTHY; Sr. V. Com., JOHN J. KELLEY; Jr. Vice Com., RAYMOND E. TAYLOR; Chaplain, JOSEPH J. LAFFEY, (re-

elected); Secretary, HOWARD W. HUNT, (3rd term); Treasurer, WILLIAM A. SOBAN, (re-elected); Sgt.-at-Arms, CLIFTON HIGGINS; Judge Advocate, EDWIN M. MARA; Historian, JAMES J. GIRVAN.

Veterans Hospital Representative, KENNETH DENNIS; Trustees, MIKE CRESCENZO 18 mos., JOSEPH GREGOIRE 12 mos., Dr. ROBT. H. BRESLIN 6 mos.

The installation of these Officers will be held at the July meeting of the chapter.

The chapter also voted to donate $100. to the YD Drum and Bugle Corps to help defray their expenses to the Hartford Convention in June in order that they may lead the R. I. delegation in the parade.

Several men were measured for uniforms after the meeting was over. Providence Chapter should be well represented as a trimly uniformed delegation at the Hartford Convention.

Announcement was made that Co. C, 103rd M.G. Bn., veterans would hold a memorial service on Sunday, May 28th at the Armory of Mounted Commander at 11.00 A. M. Invitation extended to all YD men to attend.

Comrade JOSEPH GREGOIRE is the second member of Providence Chapter, YDVA, to secure 25 new members. He will be presented the YD ring given by the National Organization at the next meeting.

— HOWARD W. HUNT,
Sec. Prov. Chap.

A Memorial Service was held at the Armory of Mtd. Commands in Providence for all deceased comrades of Co. C, 103rd M.G. Batt.

The service was in charge of the officers of Co. C Association which include J. A. DOLLIVER, Commander; FRED GRANDCHAMP, J. V. Commander, and CLIFTON HIGGINS, Chaplain.

The principal address was made by Major Howard C. Arnold, war time commander of Co. C. About thirty former Co. C men with their families attended.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William Monti
Arnold Neck, West Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: Yvon Archambault
145 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.

With the presentation of the Charter to Kent County Chapter, YDVA, located in West Warwick, R. I., it becomes the baby chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association. The charter was presented before a distinguished and colorful gathering of YD veterans, their wives and friends, in the Langevin Post, VFW., headquarters in Centerville. National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER, an unexpected, but most welcome YD-er, presented the charter to Commander elect MONTI. Following the presentation, Dept. Commander HOWARD W. HUNT assisted by National Historian LAWRENCE H. COOK as Sergt-at-Arms, installed the newly elected officers of this chapter. The following officers were installed:

Commander, WILLIAM A. MONTI; S. V. Com., WILLIAM E. BERGIN; Jr. V. Com., CARL OLSON; Chaplain, FRANK ALLEN; Secretary, YVON ARCHAMBEAULT; Treasurer, A. HEATON; Historian, CLIFF ARNOLD; Sgt.-at-Arms, FRANK BERGIN; Trustee, JESS EDWARDS.

Commander MONTI impressed the National Officers very much because of the seriousness with which he conducted the meeting and the intense interest manifested by the other officers.

Following the installation refreshments were served in the hall.

A large group from Providence Chapter, YD VA, lead by Commander-elect HENRY W. McCARTHY, came down to wish the baby chapter well and boost the attendance. Apremont Chapter, YDVA, with five, headed by Past Commander JOHN MORAN, was also on hand to extend the glad hand. There were over 75 in the hall attending the meeting.

APREMONT CHAPTER

Pawtucket and Surrounding Area
Commander John I. Rancourt
1137 Smithfield Ave., Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

On May 9th, ERNEST DIGEANT and JOHN RANCOURT put on a Bean Supper, Whist and Dance, all for fifty cents. Any one who missed this sure missed a swell feed — home cooked ham, beans, salad, pie and coffee, and no one had to ask for seconds. There were between 90 and 100 members and friends served. After the supper, card games were started, but owing to lightning, which struck a tree in town, bringing down the light wires we were left in a semi-darkness causing us to start dancing instead. But even that failed to stop us from having a good time.

It was announced by JOHN MORAN that he would run a picnic on June 4th.

Chapter voted to enter Horrible Parade in Hartford. We copped first prize last year at Providence and hope to do the same at Hart-

ford this year. Chapter also voted to parade in Pawtucket on Memorial Day and we had a good turn out.

Reports were given by Committees on the "Turtle Derby", held May 22nd, 23rd and 24th but were not final.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Raymond B. Kincaid, 39 Homestead Ave., New Britain, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Arthur Butcher 13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

STATE MEETING
Meriden — May 14

Meeting opened at 3.30 by Commander KINCAID. After a salute to the colors prayer was offered by Chaplain KEATING followed by 30 seconds of silence for our departed comrades.

The following guests were escorted to the platform: National Commander EDGAR MILLER, National Treasurer REDFIELD, National Sgt.-at-Arms ROBERTSON, Past National Commander HERMAN and Commander HARRY ELLIOTT of the Meriden Amer. Legion.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted. Flower Fund collection $6.95. Treasurers report: $22.00.

Senior Vice Commander HALL presented prizes to Chapter Commanders on the membership drive and stated that these prizes were donated by some of the State Officers and the National Commander.

Reports of Chapter Commanders were heard and only two Chapters were not present.

Committee Reports: The committee on the revision of the by-laws read the changes advised by them and asked comment from the members on the changes.

It was voted that the Commander appoint a nominating committee of 5 to bring in a slate of officers for department acceptance.

It was voted that members from 10 Chapters be present at State Meetings to constitute a quorum. Voted that a copy of the by-laws as revised be sent to each Chapter for their consideration so they will be ready for final vote at next meeting.

Flower Committee report was given by AL HERMAN.

FLYNN of New Haven had a sample beret that he showed.

Letter of regret from Mayor Danaher of Meriden that he could not attend meeting.

Under New Business on motion of Commander GEER of Bridgeport it was voted that the State Dept. go on record as favoring a medal or recognition for men who volunteered for trench fever innoculations and that our representatives be notified of this.

Good of the Y D V A: The officers of the Meriden Chapter were installed by Commander KINCAID. AL HERMAN presented a certificate of merit to Past Commander ADAMS of the Meriden Chapter.

FLYNN of New Haven spoke on the trophy donated by the New Haven *Register* and asked for ideas of the members as to the award of this trophy. It was voted to have a committee of three decide the manner of award and the Commander appointed Nat. Commander MILLER, ALEX FLYNN and AL HERMAN on this committee to report at the June meeting.

All of the guests gave brief talks. Wallingford took the gavel for attendance. Willimantic asked for the July Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5.45 with a salute to the colors.

Next State Meeting at Middletown, D A V Hall, 126 Court Street, Sunday, June 11.

— RAYMON B. KINCAID,
State Commander.

ARTHUR BUTCHER,
State Secretary.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Clarence W. Geer
60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Leslie R. Barlow
39 Woodmont Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Meeting Place — V.F.W. Hall (Every Monday night except the first Monday of each month which is Auxiliary night.)

The chap who used to steal from the church poor box now has taken to robbing cemeteries of metal grave markers and selling them for scrap metal.

Whatever became of those old Weymouth Band programs that used to be the hit of the airways?

Ain't it the darndest how seventy-five percent of the Memorial Day speeches are by individuals who were behind the guy who was writing letters to the hombre on Post No. 1 on Niagara Falls.

And after driving into two young boys who were riding bicycles, close together, on a foggy

night, at eleven o'clock, with no lights, we might have "something there" in a "get 'em off the streets at six o'clock at night program".

Oh heck, we'll be seeing you all at the Hartford Convention anyway, so why write 'em a letter.

— "SAME OLD DICK."

HARTFORD
Commander: John J. Costello
49 Wyllys St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
483 Hillside Ave., Hartford, Conn.

The Drum Corps will make their first appearance at the National Convention parade, and I know you fellows will feel pretty proud of what has been going along during the past several months. First our Chairman THOMAS O'CONNOR and his committee on finance, consisting of ARTHUR A. NIELSON, Chr.; WALLACE GLADWIN, Secy.; JOHN R. EDWARDS, Treas., and HERBERT NELSON. A job well done boys. With tears in his eyes Art you have done a swell job. The convention is only a start for the Hartford Chapter. There's a lot ahead to keep the drum corp going and also keeping the YD before the people of Hartford and getting every eligible member into the YD. We slipped on the last Armistice Eve Ball, but don't let us slip on any more opportunities.

Commander JOHNNY COSTELLO will have many programs ahead and just a little help from all the members will make this outfit one of the best in the city, and thats just what it should be.

Let's have plenty of activities and co-operation from all the members and good old times to keep this thing alive.

YD is only started, National Commander EDGAR MILLER you have done a good job even though you didn't reach the 5000, but your successor will have the job easier, for you have given him the start; so on we go and perhaps more than that this year. Hartford is going places now, and help is needed by every member. With your own dues paid see if you can't get the other fellow. The military whist parties given by the committee for the Junior Drum Corps has been successful. There should be more of them this fall and you will find the evening enjoyable and a chance to be better acquainted with your buddies and their families.

On Thursday evening, May 25th, the chapter held its memorial services at Soldiers Field, Northwood Cemetery with our National Commander ED MILLER in charge, and our own member Lieut.-Col. HENRY A. BEEBE as our speaker. Following the ceremonies the members met at the home of the Rau-Locke Post No 8, American Legion for supper. The exercises were very impressive and the supper very enjoyable. Our next sector will be in our own city, so let's give it to them with all we've got.

— JOHN J. GOSS.

MANCHESTER
"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Ray Smith
70 Ridge St., Manchester, Conn.

Between April 19 and May 31, we have held 8 meetings, carrying on whatever business we had and then turning the meeting over to Captain JOHN PENTLAND, General Chairman of our YD "Cheer Up" Circus Revue, which ran from May 31 through June 3 with special performances for children on Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning and afternoon. It has been a lot of work and we had a fine letter from the local Chamber of Commerce, endorsing our venture, which was printed in the Manchester Evening *Herald.* The Shrine Home for Crippled Children, the Manchester Public Health Nurses' Association, and a tubercular chest clinic at the Manchester Memorial Hospital were the beneficiaries. On opening day we gave the children from the Tooland County Home a free show. School children were given tickets which gained them admission for the small sum of 15 cents. Clowns, trained animal acts, dancing choruses, music and many other features furnished thrills and laughs aplenty.

During the month some of us served as team captains and workers on the Memorial Hospital Drive for funds and the Boy Scout Drive.

Our new uniforms arrived in time for the Memorial service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 28 and we were out in force for the Memorial Day Parade. Incidentally we displayed our uniforms for the entire four day period of the Circus Revue, setting aside Thursday of that week as YDVA Night encouraging our comrades in other units to come and wear their uniforms. The town should know by this time that YD is alive and going places here. The net result up to press time is increased membership.

The chapter voted to take the Dilworth-Cornell Post, A. L. crack drum and bugle corps to the convention parade. Both our unit and the corps will participate in the Horribles Parade. Between now and convention time we expect to

decorate a float for the convention parade. John Tournaud and Colin Davies, both friends of YD, are assisting P. C. Ed Frazier, chairman of the float committee.

P. C. William Allen has found time, in addition to his duties as chairman of the finance committee for our Circus Revue, to visit some of the other chapters and a number of us attended a fine state meeting in Meriden. We were particularly pleased to see some of our new members interested.

V. C. William Shields has a son, Ed, who is high point scorer for the Manchester High School track team this spring. He stars in the quarter mile, high jump, and broad jump. Coach Charles "Pete" Wigren of the team belongs to Epieds Chapter.

Our YD police officer, David "Bats" Galligan has been a whirlwind selling tickets for our Circus Revue. Comrade Joe McCann, also Commander of David McCann Chapter, D.A.V., traveled many miles in nearby towns distributing school tickets.

— C. G. B.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: John Suess
89 Kinsington Ave., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

Meeting place, State Armory. — Dates: 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

On Friday evening, April 7, we held our installation of officers with Commander Ray Kincaid doing the installing assisted by Euclid Pimpare of Willimantic. We had a fine turnout of members, friends and representatives of other veterans organizations. Among the guests were Gardiner Hall, Billy Allen, Harry Adams, Bill Salladin and Walter Boardman.

At our meeting, April 18th, we had a large turnout and the fellows seem to be very much interested in the activities of the Chapter.

On Sunday, April 29th, several members attended a Memorial Service at the First Lutheran Church and those who did not attend certainly missed a fine talk by Rev. Olsen.

Plans are in the works for the Chapter entering the Horribles' Parade at the convention and we hope that the members will show up in large numbers for the Big Parade.

With the start we have, we expect to be very much in the running for 75 members this year and are sure that we will have the largest Chapter membership that New Britain has ever had.

— Arthur Butcher.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John T. Dillon
185 Upson Terrace, New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Lester M. Bigelow
223 Norton St., New Haven, Conn.

On May 21st, the newly elected officers of the New Haven Chapter were installed by National Commander Edgar Miller at Legion Hall, 907 Whalley Ave., New Haven. The following officers were installed:

Commander, John T. Dillon; 1st Vice Commander, Frederick V. Hirsch; 2nd Vice Commander, Charles P. Gardner; Secretary, Lester Bigelow; Treasurer, Joseph F. Shurck; Historian, Nicholas Salvatore; Chaplain, Augustus H. Chapman; Sgt.-at-Arms, Bernard S. Wynne.

Mayor Murphy gave an address suitable for the occasion. Past National Commander Leonard Maloney gave a talk which was an inspiration to all present. Refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed until a late hour.

On Memorial Day the Chapter participated in the Memorial Day Parade. After the parade a wreath was placed, with appropriate ceremony, on the War Memorial on the Green and then all YD men present went to the Timothy Ahern Memorial, where a wreath was placed by Commander John T. Dillon.

At the regular meeting, held on May 25th, with thirty members present Commander Dillon announced that in the future all meetings would start on time and with appropriate ceremonies. The next regular meetings of the chapter for June will be held on June 8th and June 22nd and for July on the 13th and 27th. All members are urged to attend.

The Secretary says, "Don't forget your dues." The new improved uniforms and berets are in and they are the best yet.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Joseph F. Keeney,
67 Ocean Ave., New London, Conn.
Secretary: John M. O'Connor
455 Montauk Ave., New London, Conn.

All preparations are completed for the installation of officers, Wednesday, May 31st, at Mechanics Hall, Broad St., New London. We expect many YD visitors from all over Conn.

The ladies promise to produce plenty of food. Judging from past experience I am sure we will be well fed.

Glad to read in the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS, that my old buddies up in Keene,

N. H., are back on the YD map. Stay with them you old "Mud hikers" of old G and H, 103rd Inf. ART WINSLOW and I will be looking for you at the Hartford Convention.

The military whist party last month given by the ladies of the YD was a financial and social success.

Another party is to be held June 5th at the "Tall Cedars" in New London.

All the New London "boys" and their wives are signing up for the Convention. We hope to be there a hundred percent.

— JOHN M. O'CONNOR,
Secretary.

WATERBURY
"P.C. Vigneulles"
Commander: Joseph J. Charpentier
30 Baldwin Ave., Waterbury, Conn.
Secretary: Walter Bolan
96 Nottingham Ter., Waterbury, Conn.

FELIX STRUZINSKI called on us recently. He is looking well and making good in a business way down in Naugatuck.

Saw J. P. KELLY and GEORGE (Young Pop) BEVANS on West Main St., May 24th, the day the circus came to town.

ED FITZGERALD is trying to get "Dutch" SCHAEFFER to shelve his wife and accompany him back to France in September. "Dutch" was recently elected Junior Vice in the D. A. V's.

JOE MEYER is still at Newington and we know he would enjoy a line from any of the boys.

A Testimonial Dinner will be given June 10th to TOMMY HORRIGAN, who has attained the rank of "Major".

Several members of the Waterbury Chapter and the Waterbury Auxiliary attended the joint installation of officers of the Mont Sec Chapter on May 14th.

The local chapter attended Memorial Services at Trinity Church on May 28th. Rev. Roger B. T. Anderson was in charge of the services which were very impressive. Tuesday, May 30th, we attended Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church and from there went to the Memorial Honor Roll.

ERNEST MASSICOTTE, an active member of the Waterbury Chapter, has accepted a position in Washington, D. C. We dislike losing him but wish him the best of luck on his new job.

We hear that Col. BILL SHANAHAN is well on the way to recovery and hope to have him back at meetings soon.

— WALTER N. BOLAN.

WILLIMANTIC
"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Henry Pukallus
87 Smith Ave., Norwich, Conn.
Secretary: Charles Rathbone
R.F.D. No. 2, Norwich, Conn.

Our local chapter is going along fine. Right now the gang are making plans for the Convention in Hartford, and especially for the Big Parade on Saturday. We expect to combine forces with one of our other smaller chapters for this.

Memorial Day will find the boys busy as usual. Parading twice that day will put us in good shape for Hartford.

The State Department meeting will be held in July in Willimantic where the writer will be installed as State Commander. This was done purposely by the Chapter so that I might have the pleasure of being installed in my home town. Thanks, boys.

Membership seems to be a little slow coming along right now but we expect to see a spurt before long. We are planning a vigorous campaign to add to our membership and expect to hit the sixty mark within the next couple of months.

— "GARDINER."

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Peter Sady, 409 Griswold St., Detroit, Mich.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 East 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: George Z. Jackson
1289 West 76th St., Cleveland, Ohio

A clipping, taken from the Cleveland *Plain Dealer,* dated May 1st, 1939, has been received giving news of the annual dinner of the Cleveland Chapter at which National Commander EDGAR MILLER was principal speaker.

Commander MILLER spoke of the remarkable growth in the number of monuments to our late Commander, Major-General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS.

In his speech Commander MILLER dwelt on the need of an adequate air service and stressed the importance of an airplane building campaign

and increase in the need of training fields for aviators. This should be for the purpose of defense, not aggression, he stated.

Also speaking at the dinner were George Vine, State Commander of the Army and Navy Union; L. A. Deering, County Commander of the American Legion; George Willard, State Commander of the V. F. W.; FRED FLAHAVAN, State Commander of the Y.D.V.A., and Ellis C. VanderPyl of Radio Station WGAR.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

The Secretary of the local chapter was not present at the May meeting, because of his being away on his vacation. Upon his return, he called on Doctor MORRIS and was informed by him that there was considerable anxiety amongst those present at that meeting because this vacation followed so soon after the payment of the annual dues.

Commander ROCKWELL reports the usual fine get-together. Those present were "Rocky", MORRIS, GOWEN, CHAPIN, JOHNSON, GOEDELMANN and NORTON.

"Rocky" was seen strutting his stuff with the V.F.W. in the Memorial Day parade.

Mrs. Pedicino tells us that Pat is doing nicely out at Fitzsimons Hospital.

— VETTER.

DETROIT

Commander: John H. Guittaud
7407 Dunedin, Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: David Swartz
15,815 Linwood, Detroit, Mich.

The meeting of the 26th of May, the last one before the Hartford Convention was short and snappy. The boys got right down to hard-tack and settled the night's business in one, two order. Maybe it was the warmth of the evening, or, just that tickling sensation of a palate calling for cold schuppers of beer, whatever the cause the boys "went to town" under the direction of our new Commander JACK GUITTAUD and Officers.

We did not have as big a turn-out as per usual but the members that were present did an excellent job in welcoming to our fold Past Commander DON HENNESY, of the Rainbow Division, who extended the Detroit Chapter an invitation to participate with them in their memorial services at Temple Beth El. "This is only the beginning!" In the fall the Rainbow boys and our chapter are going to get together in a series of reciprocal socials. Here's to the "Goddess of Goodfellowship!"

We were not only glad to welcome our guest from a fellow division but we enjoyed the privilege of welcoming three recently discovered YD men: LEROY FITZPATRICK, Co I, 104th Infantry; NICHOLAS DILEANIS, Co C, 104th Infantry, and, EDWARD PACE, Co G, 103rd Infantry, and they are signing up in our chapter.

It is expected that a car-load of boys will represent Detroit at this year's "City of Activities of Ice Cream Eaters" (page RAY DOUCETTE). The Insurance City is the magnet attracting our live-wire insurance broker, PETE SADY; the traveling feature entrances, salesman, JACK GUITTAUD; while our "Keeper of the Peace", Sgt. of Detectives, ELMER BRACKETT, can't make his feet behave and so — Hartford, beware! These boys are on their way, a good bunch, going to a good town, for a — of a good time!

— DAVE SWARTZ.

NEW YORK

Commander: Joseph C. McGlone
27 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.
Secretary: H. W. Washburn, Jr.
677 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

When I visited the U. S. Veterans Hospital, No. 81, Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, N. Y., on May 23rd, I found the following members of the 101st Infantry in the hospital as patients. There may be more than this and if so I will let you know when I hear of them:

George W. Pomeroy, Co. L, Ashland, Mass.; Pete Simone, Co. L, Bergenfield, N. J.; Joe Letarte, Co. A, New York City; Joseph Leavy, Co. M, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bart Kiley, Hq. Co., Hollis, L. I.

MICHAEL J. TIERNEY, Co. K, was discharged from the hospital on May 23rd and is now back in Atlantic City.

BART KILEY is improving slowly. PETE SIMONE is about the same. JOE LETARTE has trouble with his leg and does not show much improvement. He has been in the hospital over nine weeks.

Since visiting the Hospital on the 23rd I have learned that JOSEPH LEAVY, (Co. M) was operated on on May 26th and died the same day. Funeral services were held at his home 2813 Batchelder St., Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday, May 28th.

A committee was appointed at the meeting of the New York Chapter on May 26th to visit the YD men in Veterans Hospital, No. 81, on Memorial Day. BUCK O'BRIEN, BILL SAVAGE, and myself will visit all the YD men in the Hospital that day and bring them a few cigarettes.

I visit the hospital once and sometimes twice a week as I live in the vicinity.

— JOSEPH GREENBERG.

Here is a coincidence for you. Glen Ridge, the community in which I reside, does not have a Memorial Day Parade, but they do have a brief Memorial Day service at the Memorial that was erected to commemorate the memories of the Glen Ridge boys who died in the Service during the war. The name of each Glen Ridge boy who died is cut on a stone that is built into the base of the Memorial. Each year on Memorial Day a small group of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is selected and each one carries a wreath which is placed before one of the stones on which is graven the name of one of those who died in the Service.

During the service my daughter carried one of these wreaths and just by chance the stone before which she laid her wreath had carved on it the name of KENNETH A. BAILEY, 2nd Lieutenant, 102nd Field Artillery.

Maybe I'm just a sentimental old fool, but it did impress me immensely to think that just by chance the daughter of a YD veteran should be placing a wreath to commemorate another YD man who gave his life during the war.

— T. R. SCHOONMAKER.

"POP KNICKERBOCKER" did a swell job in pinch-hitting for yours truly — but then why shouldn't he? Gosh he had plenty of experience before I took hold of this writing business which has caused headaches not only for me but for some others — Ask ye ED.

Our regular meeting was held Friday evening, May 26th, at the 77th Division Club, 28 East 39th Street, New York, where they served us a splendid meal for sixty cents, liquid refreshments can be had at a reasonable price and a good meeting room at a total cost of $5.00 per meeting. A very fine set-up without being under obligation to anyone. Our meeting in June will be the evening of the 30th at the same address. If you are in town, join us.

Meeting called to order by Commander McGLONE at 8:40 — the Secretary had to eat — hence the delay in starting the meeting. After the usual routine of opening the meeting, Commander McGLONE requested all to rise and remain standing for thirty seconds in memory of our departed comrades and General EDWARDS, as well as the 26 service men who lost their lives on the Squalus.

Past Commander ED NELSON, who is Chairman of the Hartford Convention Committee, reported New York has 36 men and 5 women registered for the Convention. He also reminded the members what the uniform would be for the parade and volunteers were asked to take members in their cars. Several responded. Inasmuch as the Edwards Memorial at Fordham broke the back of our treasury, it was decided we could not afford to have a band of our own.

Under the caption of Welfare Committee — it was reported that BART KILEY is still in the Veterans Hospital at Kingsbridge and would appreciate hearing from any one who has time to write. BART has been having quite a tough time of it but does show some improvement. There are four other YD men at the same hospital. It was also reported that FRED WERRING was recovering from a most serious illness which almost put his number up. Keep on improving, FRED.

Commander McGLONE gave a brief resume of the Fordham affair at which we dedicated a Memorial to "Daddy" EDWARDS. Those of you who missed this — certainly lost out on a good thing. We are proud to have been associated with this movement. Of course JOE gave us the sad tale of what we owed and there were tears in everyone's eyes due to the fact that the keeper of the treasury has nothing to keep but books.

GEORGE COBB, JR. was appointed as Chairman of a Committee to arrange ways and means of increasing or rather replenishing the treasury. So far there does not seem to be any avalanche of ideas.

Most of the evening was taken up in discussion of the Memorial at Fordham and inasmuch as there was no entertainment, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M. with 45 members present.

It is too bad this has to be such a poor story as a "Swan Song" for the Secretary but one cannot make up a story and tell the truth. At an Executive Committee meeting held on May 31st, the Secretary resigned his position to take effect immediately because his work outside of YD activities takes so much of his time that he cannot do justice to the position of Secretary. It has been a pleasure to serve the New York Chapter in this capacity for the past two and a half years. I shall continue to do what I can to be of assistance to whomever you elect in my place.

Sympathy of the New York Chapter is extended to PHIL SANBORN, our inimitable National Secretary whom we learn is quite ill and confined to bed. Hurry up and get well PHIL — the Hartford Convention is not far off.

— WHIT.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Joseph Jordan, Jr.
1750 Harvard St., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Raymond J. Queenin
4328 Brandywine St., NW, Washington, D. C.

Special Meeting of the YD Club of Washington held on May 9, 815-15th St., (Fenner & Beane's Board Room) at 8:45 P. M.

Present — JOE JORDAN, QUEENIN, BARTRAM, CASWELL, YOUNG, BURR, MINTZ, DODIC, ST. PETER, and WILLIAMS. A visitor from Detroit, ERNEST ZIEGLER, F Co., 103rd Inf., was introduced to the meeting. Comrade ZIEGLER is in Washington in connection with his claim for service connected disability. He would like to contact men who served in F Co., 103rd Inf., who might be in a position to give him affidavits as to his gassing at Chateau-Thierry and Verdun.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain CASWELL.

Report on Annual Dinner was made by Treas. BARTRAM. Profit will amount to approximately $15.00.

CASWELL moved the purchase of 2 wreaths for Memorial Day, one for Gen. EDWARDS' grave and one for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier — Passed.

DODIC moved we authorize Lynn Chapter to spend $3.00 for a wreath or spray for BILLY CONNERY's grave — Passed.

JORDAN reported he would see JOE WILNER during this week and arrange for markers and plans for Arlington Cemetery.

Several members spoke upon the general subject of the adoption of a definite program for decorating graves on Memorial Day. BARTRAM moved a committee study question for future years — motion passed.

CASWELL moved that the Secretary send a postcard to each member asking him to bring flowers to the Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Voted to appoint a committee to study question of a National Flower for the YD to present to National Convention in Hartford.

Memorial Day Plans — On Memorial Day we will meet at 9 A. M. at the usual place. Lay wreath on Gen. EDWARDS' grave at 11 A. M. Lay wreath on Tomb of the Unknown Soldier — Time to be determined.

Adjourned at 10:23 P. M.

Following a custom established many years ago the members of the YD Club of Washington assembled at 9 A. M. on Memorial Day at the corner of Grant and Clayton Avenues in Arlington National Cemetery for the purpose of decorating the graves of all YD men buried in this the Nation's greatest shrine.

A large number of the members, associate members and relatives were on hand to assist Commander JOSEPH P. JORDAN and his committee. Each member had been requested to bring all the flowers he could and the response was very gratifying. Our good friend JOE WILNER, as usual furnished a supply of YD grave markers which were placed by one group while another followed with the flowers.

Promptly at 10.30 A. M. the members in company with the members of the Major General Clarence Edwards Post, No. 2135, V.F.W., formed in a column of twos and marched to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where a wreath was placed in honor of all those YD men who are buried in France and other distant graves. The wreath was placed by CHARLIE BRENNAN, Vice Commander of the EDWARDS' Post. A Guard of Honor and a Bugler from the Regular Field Artillery at Fort Myer assisted.

At 11 A. M. both organizations assembled again at the grave of General EDWARDS for the annual services at this greatest of all YD shrines.

The YD Club of Washington is still without colors but the colors of the EDWARDS' Post carried by color bearers and escorted by color guards from Fort Myer added greatly to the ceremony.

Chaplain Zimmerman of Fort Myer assisted by asking the Blessing at the beginning of the rites and by pronouncing Benediction at the close.

JOHN CASWELL, JR. acted as Master of Ceremonies. The large wreath sent by the YD Club of Boston was placed first by GRAY CARSON and RAY QUEENIN. JOSEPH P. JORDAN, Commander of the YD Club of Washington then placed a wreath for our Club. He was followed by NATHAN D. GOLDEN, Commander of the Major General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS Post, V. F. W., who placed a wreath for the Post. Past Commander ALFRED J. BARTRAM of the YD Club of Washington then placed a wreath in the name of the YD Club of Southern California. This was a beautiful wreath forwarded in perfect condition all the way from Los Angeles. The boys in Southern California make this an annual custom and the YD Club of Washington

appreciates the opportunity of co-operating with them in expressing their love for the memory of the "Old Man".

We gladly offer our services to any other YD organizations or individuals who wish to have wreaths or sprays placed on the graves of General EDWARDS or any other YD man. In our travels through the cemetery today we noticed that a number of graves had been remembered by someone before we arrived. This is an open invitation to the YD in general to contact the Secretary of the YD Club of Washington at any time in this connection.

No record was made of the names of those present at the Cemetery today but the names that come to my mind now are JOE JORDAN, AL BARTRAM, NATE GOLDEN, GENE BURR, KARL STANDISH, JOE WILNER, GRAY CARSON, PAUL HUTCHINS, LUTHER ELLIS, LOUIS MARGULLIS, JOHN CASWELL, ARTHUR ROBITAILLE, RAY MINTZ, MIKE MOONEY, and several associate members and members of the Edwards Post including NATE GLUECK, FRANK NORTON, RADTKE, HALL, and ROWE.

You never know where or when MIKE MOONEY will turn up. He is now more or less a citizen of Danielson, Conn., but has been in Washington for some time without our knowledge and expects to point the nose of his jollopy North in the near future. I showed him the grave of BILL MCGINNES, who was a classmate of ours at Boston University and a wonderful fellow too.

MIKE has promised to come out to the house some evening and fight over the old days in France and at Copley Square.

The next meeting of the YD Club of Washington will be held June 7 at 8 P. M. at 815 15th St., N. W., which is the Board Room of Fenner and Beane over which JOHN CASWELL so ably presides.

We hope to have a sizeable representation at the Hartford Convention. By the way, we expect to propose that a committee be appointed to select a distinctive YD flower which would be used in all grave decorations.

Your correspondent started the day in a big way this morning by attending a breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel given by Col. Julius I. Peyser, Past Department Commander of the American Legion to Lanny Ross and the G.A.R. Memorial Day Committee. Mr. Ross was the soloist at the afternoon services in the Cemetery.

— R. J. Q.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

E & F COMPANY

BILL COLLINS dropped in to see your ED. late in February. He was looking fine and hasn't seemed to change a bit with the years. He was sorry he did not have much time in Boston to spend looking up old buddies but wanted to be remembered to all.

We have received notice that MORTON L. POMEROY is now at 831 Forest Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.

CHARLIE BATEMAN, President of the Somerville Savings Bank, gave a talk before the American Bankers Association Conference in New York in March. RUSS FRANCIS is a devotee of the symphony concerts, our underground service reports. GEORGE THOMPSON is running things at the Casa Manana, 353 Huntington Ave., Boston.

The following "E" Company men went down to Salem, Mass. for the state meeting of the YDVA where there was quite a contest for the election of a Department Commander: COPPINGER, HERTER, WEEKS, CURRIER.

F COMPANY

EBEN DIKE has been relocated. This time in Meriden, Conn. married to a widow. Too bad for EBEN if she is not a good cook.

JIM CONNOR is now chairman of the Board of Assessors in Medford, Mass. We hope the job pays well. Jim with his full squad of kids to feed must need it.

JACK SAVOY is the latest F Co. man to join the YDVA.

HENRY PUKALLUS is now commander of the Willimantic Chapter of the YDVA and doing a great job.

PHIL SANBORN is under the weather. We wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

The "E" and "F" Company Banquet was held on Saturday, May 27th and was a great success. Old Faithful ERNEST KLUG came over from New York. ERNIE is now Chaplain of our fine New York Chapter of the YDVA.

FRANCIS STEVENS came down from New Hampshire.

E & F Company will get together again at the Hartford Convention. When you arrive there get in touch with AL DAY and hear the full details.

B COMPANY

Hello to all you B Co. comrades that read this speil. The spirit moves me to send along a few lines with the "Drones" unasked permission.

I dropped in the other night to a meeting of the YD Club of Brockton and ran into four of B Co.'s famous heroes. Professor KARL WHITE who has put on a lot of flesh since we birds saw him; then there was RALPH STEVENS that excellent sign painter from the 4th platoon (the best platoon in the Co. by heck). Next came BILL HALLETT the Admiral of the Swiss Navy, looking very pompous and dignified, (where do you get that stuff BILL?) Probably its because he is the Graves Registration Officer for the American Legion of Mass. O. K. BILL, save me a nice lot will you. Then comes along that little "dog robber" EDDY CLEVELAND, dapper and dandy, and whisper fellows, Eddy is getting bald headed.

I bumped into TONY ARCARI in the Boston subway the other day and we came to grips with great glee. He looks quite prosperous and happy.

You fellows that did not show up at the armory for our April reunion missed a treat. These reunions are always worth a visit and are put on by the ladies of the Engineers Welfare Association. PETER BECK was there raring to go. Oh how he did just love his old Corporal (that's me). He wanted to "set 'em up" right away but Pop was not thirsty. They tell me that the sage of Scituate is running the Baker's chocolate factory out in Dorchester. Drop in on us sometime HOWARD and we will do the "Wah-oo-Wah."

I received an invitation to attend a Masonic Meeting from JERRY BAUER last week and on arriving I bumped into ED MUNDY (Gloomy Gus) and GEORGE NEWCOMBE. Ed is still making those heavy stones to put on top of we fellows after we have gone West, and I see that GEORGE is one of Quincy's best assessors. He keeps worrying because there is $15,000,000. of unassessable property in his city. Say GEORGE come down to my town and reduce my assessment will you? Dear old JERRY BAUER the great big baby boy of the Co. made a very dignified and impressive performance as master of his Lodge. Who ever dreamed that JERRY would ascend to such heights, but what the 'ell he had great training at Hammondville, etc. NEWCOMBE took me home in his flivver and ED MUNDY came along and boy how we fought the war all over again. We swore by all that's holy that B Co. won that war, and then Ed insisted in talking about the time we had, at the Detroit Legion Convention, he was peeved because I got the best "gal", but enough said about that. Old Wagoner RADO MCKEOWN lives in the next town to me (Abington). He is working very hard, got a nice wife and family, but RADO tells that his "dogs" are giving out and that keeps him home nights.

I was sorry to hear that "Fitzy" (BILL FITZGERALD) is in the Chelsea Naval Hospital. I do not know what ails Bill but any of you fellows who can, should go and see him. I see "Hitch" (VERNON HITCHING) and JOHNNY GOOD about once a month in Boston. I wonder if they think I am going to make a "touch" each time I meet them? JIM KEIDIAN is selling electrical goods in Boston and believe it or not, Jimmy is married and that's the end of our efficient Latrine Sergeant.

Perhaps some of you fellows do not know, but RAY BENNETT (ex-Mess Sergeant) had a bad auto accident some months ago. Poor RAY was knocked for a "goul" and was confined to the hospital for several months. RAY says that he hated to leave because they had such fine nurses. 'At a boy, RAY. Glad to say that he is much better and was at our last reunion. He is crazy to put on another B Co. Stag, so you may hear from him later.

Do any of you guys remember JACK DADSON, Sergeant if you please. Well you know Jack was at one time a big bug down in Providence, R. I. He was a way up in politics, a Lieutenant Colonel and the Governor's bodyguard — some guy I'll say. Alas, that's all over now. The fortune of politics knocked Jack off the map and all he can crow about now is that he still is a Lieutenant Colonel. More power to you, Jack, you always were a good tin soldier and a true friend.

I wonder what has happened to the MEIKLE brothers and sixteen other Rhode Island buddies. Drop a line if you read this and tell me how's tricks. They tell me that "Kimmy" our old Top Kick is still in the auto garage game. Gee, how

I would like to see that bestest Top Sergeant of all.

LESTER WHITTEN is now a big light at the State House in Boston. Lester is almost the head official in the Bank Examiners office. Fair enough Lester, you deserve your exalted position, some of these days I'll be hitting you for a job.

Remember big NASON BAKER? He is a great big fat boy now and is running a road house called "Do Drop Inn", somewhere just outside Rockland towards the Cape. Make a note of this boys and do drop in sometime. Anybody down our way will direct you to the place. I met ARTHUR BLACKEY at the reunion, and we did enough swearing to shame even Colonel Bunnell himself. BLACKEY is the same old sport, don't care if hell freezes over or not.

WALTER BOONE our old Company clerk is still in the automobile game here in Boston.

RALPH EASTMAN, and old B Co. boy, is Vice President of the State Street Trust Co. — a grand guy. Any time you want a bank loan go in and see him, but be sure and phone him first.

Does anybody ever hear from the Westbrook, Maine gang. "Put" GILMAN and Sergeant MAXWELL of the rise and shine fame. Gee they are a great bunch up there and didn't they give us our first reunion at Westbrook. Remember it fellows, how we slept in the armory and the town was ours, pretty girls and all. Best regards to you "Put" et als.

The HANLON brothers FRANK and GEORGE show up at the reunions. They look prosperous. TEXAS HARNISH has been cruising around Boston, busted as usual, and whenever we see him coming we all duck. WESLEY HAWKES is now a prosperous banker and weighs nearly a ton. He and "Slip" HOWARD work in the same bank (First National).

I met FRANK KURRIS in New York City sometime ago. He is working hard and made many inquiries about B Co. boys. He was very anxious to hear about us.

I don't see much of Captain "High" LANDON. He is around Boston somewhere. Remember how he gave us double time at Camp Devens, because he said, if the Germans ever do chase us we would stand a better chance of not being captured. Ha, Ha, the laugh is always on you "High" because you were the only B Co. bird to be captured by the Bosch.

WALTER MACINTOSH the celebrated basso of the 4th platoon is still living in Watertown, Mass. He looks flourishing and I think he is in the coal business. Mack you know used to wake me up about three o'clock in the morning and yell "Pop give me a cigarette" and I would tell him to go to that warm place. AUSTIN MURRAY comes down from Nashua, N. H. to our reunions — he is doing well and looks like a million dollars.

STURE NELSON, one time chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Norwood, got the props knocked from under him in a political squabble out there. Never mind STURE, you will come back smiling. I hear CURLEY NORRIS is still in the contracting game and lives in Pembroke, Mass. Come up and see us some time, CURLEY.

Do any of you birds remember Prof. NORTON who ran the Y.M.C.A. in Hammonville, he was a good friend to us boys but soon after he got home he contracted some sickness and after a long and painful illness he passed away early in May. "Simey" (HARRISON SIMONTON) was at our last reunion. He is well and as impulsive as ever. I think he is living down in Revere, Mass. GEORGE TAPP is still teaching at Wentworth Institute, a place you all remember. GEORGE tells me that he does not have a dog now.

VANTASSEL, BILL COY, ED MURRAY, BILL WELLS, Wagoner MAXWELL and a lot of other Bees were at the April reunion, all were well and happy. And now I will sign off with the report I once gave at Reveille at Bazoilles, "27th squad, seven men absent." Kimmy fainted and the whole Company fell in a heap. Oh well, those were happy days just the same.

— "POP" HOLLOWAY.

A letter has been received from Alexander Ellis, President of the Veterans Ass'n. of the 1st Corps Cadets, stating that he has received a letter from one Alonzo Goodwin, a patient in the Middlesex County Sanitorium at Waltham, Mass., asking for people to assist him in collecting cancelled postage stamps. While this man is not a veteran we feel that it is a worthy cause and any one having any stamps desired by this man would be doing a good deed to send same to him. The address is Alongo (Stretch) Goodwin, c/o Middlesex County Sanitorium, Waltham, Mass.

The Annual Dinner of E and F Companies was held at the Westminster Hotel, Boston, Mass., on Saturday, May 27th. From the eyes of a party that could not see very well at that time it seemed that about 125 members attended. While no lucid accounts of the affair can be secured, it seems that everyone who attended had a good time — at least until they awoke the next morning.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Plans are under way for the annual convention of the 101st Infantry to be held at Medford, Mass., on Sept. 8th, 9th and 10th. Committee in charge of the Convention has lined up an attractive list of events for the convention. To raise funds for these affairs the committee has arranged for an amateur boxing tournament to be held at Riverside Park, Medford, Mass., on June 8th. Proceeds of this affair will help to defray the expenses of the Horribles Parade on Friday, Sept. 8th and the Big Parade on Saturday, Sept. 9th.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104th

Annual Convention of the 104th Infantry Veterans Association was held at Salem, Mass., on May 5th, 6th and 7th, 1939. The following were elected officers of the Association for the coming year:

Edward C. Mailey, Springfield, Mass., Commander; Harold F. Barry, Worcester, Mass., S. V. C.; Eugene Hamilton, Cambridge, Mass., J. V. C.; Alexander C. Bennett, Worcester, Mass., Chaplain; Edmund Slater, Worcester, Mass., Treasurer.

Worcester was selected as the site of the convention for 1940.

The following company officers were elected:

A Company — Clayton Smith, Worcester, Commander.

Joseph F. Maynard and Roy Lovejoy, members of Executive Comm.

C Company — Carl F. Fegrues, Commander.

James H. Northridge and George H. Thompson, Executive Committee.

H Company — Charles J. Reeves, Commander.

Jacob B. Kessler and Charles D. Webster, Executive Committee.

101st SANITARY TRAIN

All members of the 101st Sanitary Train interested in having a reunion dinner of the organization at the Hartford Convention kindly contact Nate Goodman, at 373 Washington St., Boston, telephone Lib. 9205, or Charlie Mahn, at 19 West Broadway, So. Boston, telephone Sou. 2038, so that reservations can be made.

An effort is being made to form a permanent organization of the Sanitary Train and it is hoped that all members attending the Hartford Convention will attend the dinner.

101st FIELD ARTILLERY

The Annual Get-Together Dinner of the 101st Field Artillery will be held at the Bond Hotel, (Room No. 8), Hartford, Conn. on Saturday, June 24th. Dinner will be served at 7.00 P. M. and the Committee in charge hope that every 101st Field Artillery man attending the Hartford Convention shows up at this affair.

A BATTERY

Just received a letter from Jim Cook, who is now connected with the California Fruit Growers Exchange, at Los Angeles, Cal., giving me the addresses of several of the members of A Battery: Robert (Bob) Burns' address is 1444 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, Cal.; Ed Hafer, is in the real estate business in Santa Monica, Cal.; Ed Martin is a professor at Pomona Junior College, Pomona, Cal.; Al Johnson's last known address was c/o Sears Roebuck Store, Phoenix, Ariz.

B BATTERY

Members of B Battery will be saddened to hear of the death of Thomas Fleming, who passed away at his home on Parker St., Newton Centre, on May 8th, 1939.

C BATTERY

Ed Ferguson is now connected with William M. L. McAdams, Inc., 272 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass. Anyone needing anything in the stationery line get in touch with Fergie.

Walter Rottman, our popular Battery Clerk and later Supply Sgt. passed away suddenly at his home 314 Safford St., Wollaston, Mass., on Wednesday, May 24th and was buried in Brookline on Saturday, May 27th. A delegation from the Battery, headed by President Ben Goodman, attended the funeral services.

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SAMUEL DAVIDSON, Co. B. 104th Infantry. Died April 20th, 1939 at Cripple Creek, Va. Survived by a widow and five children.

SIGMUND MILBRANDT, a member of the Washington Chapter, died in New Mexico. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, May 16, 1939. No outfit given.

THOMAS FLEMING, Bty. B, 101st Field Artillery. Died at Newton Center, Mass., May 8, 1939.

ARTHUR N. SMITH (Signal Corps) died suddenly in Alameda, Cal., Jan. 27th, 1939. Leaves wife and son.

SIMON KARLJAN, (101st Engineers) died in San Pedro, Cal., April 14, 1939.

WALTER F. ROTTMAN, (Bty. C, 101st Field Artillery), died suddenly at Wollaston, Mass., May 24th, 1939. Was buried in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline, Mass. on Saturday, May 27th, 1939. A detail from the YD Club of Boston acted as escorts to the grave.

JOSEPH LEAVY (M Co., 101st Inf.) died at Veteran's Hospital No. 81, Bronx, N. Y. on May 26th, 1939. Funeral services were held from his home, 2813 Batchelder St., Brooklyn, N. Y. on Sunday, May 28th, 1939.

FRANK P. (Dutch) KEENAN, formerly of F Co., 102nd Infantry, died at his home in North Haven on May 28th. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rose Seibold Keenan, and a sister, Mrs. Edward Regan. Chapter furnished the bearers and also sent flowers to the funeral.

FRANCIS BLACKER, 102nd Infantry, passed away in Waterbury, Conn. recently.

The funeral of WILLIAM G. BASSETTE (Battery B, 102nd F. A.), of 111 Laurel St., Longmeadow, Mass., was held at Byron's funeral home, April 23rd, 1939.

Just received word, as this issue is going to press, of the passing of Colonel FRANK M. HUME, distinguished Maine soldier, who died yesterday, June 6th. (Former Colonel of the 103rd Infantry, 26th Division.)

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

A letter has been received from WALTER J. PULSIFER (B Co., 101st Engineers) who is now located at PULSIFER'S Y-D Rancho, Thermal, California. Walter has had quite a struggle getting his citrus and date farm going on account of the scarcity of water, but at last, after twenty years of fighting and hoping, work has been started on an irrigation project by the Federal Government and by the first of 1943 it is expected that the first water will flow over this land.

Walter is doing his best to keep the name of YD prominent. All of his fruits are wrapped in a label containing the YD insignia.

A letter has been received from THOMAS L. SULLIVAN, formerly of Division Hq., requesting former members of the Divisional Observer's Group, of G-2, Hq. 26th Division, to get in touch with Mr. George F. Carroll, Route No. 1, Smithfield, Pa.

Comrade Carroll was heavily gassed and had his nerves shattered by heavy bombardment of the Divisional O. P. near Brabant in the last few days of the war and would like affidavits from some of his former comrades, (particularly Fred Killam) to assist him in his claim.

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The Massachusetts State Department voted 100% to support Edwin "Ted" Noyes of Worcester for National Commander Y. D. V. A. We now ask the support and vote of every Y. D. man who can make the Hartford Convention on June 22, 23, 24 and 25th.

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